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EC Plaza mainstay departing

McPhee's Junior Bootery has been serving generations of kids since 1958

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The pitter-patter of little feet will soon become a little less noticeable at El Cerrito Plaza.

McPhee's Junior Bootery, one of the original Plaza shops, is closing its door for good — even as earth-movers and Caterpillar tractors churn the rubble of the old Emporium building to make way for the new and improved shopping center.

For more than 40 years the little shop at 350 El Cerrito Plaza has been a favorite with children and parents alike. Kids like the free balloons and hobbyhorse at the store, and parents appreciate the personal service and attention to proper fit and comfortable shoes.

Owner K. "Rick" Ricker said earlier this week that he does not plan to renew his lease, which will expire Dec. 31.

"It's sad, but the time has come," said Ricker, 69, who has owned the business since the early 1960s. He was unable to find a buyer for the junior bootery, which first opened in Berkeley in 1949 and then moved to the Plaza when it opened in 1958.

"The lease is up — I'm old — I don't want to sign a new lease," Ricker said when asked why he is not renewing the lease now that the long-awaited reconstructed Plaza is becoming a reality. "I'm tired. I don't want to commit for years I

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EDDIE LEDESMA/STAFF

K. "RICK" RICKER, owner of McPhees Jr. Bootery, is going out of business after 42 years of selling shoes in the El Cerrito Plaza.

Bond win starts planning process

By Suzanne Pardington
STAFF WRITER

By this time next year, West Contra Costa school officials plan to be knee-deep in construction dust, architectural designs and state funding applications — made possible by $150 million in bonds approved in Tuesday's election.

Vince Kilmartin, the district's assistant superintendent, foresees tearing down an elementary school next fall to make way for a new one and starting repairs on two others. At the same time, the district will be engrossed in two existing projects: putting the finishing touches on a middle and high school complex in Hercules and breaking ground on a new middle school in Richmond.

But before the construction flurry can begin, district officials and a citizens' oversight committee will have to come to a consensus on a tricky and touchy question: Which schools will get fixed first?

More than 77 percent of voters supported Measure M, the second bond measure in two years to surpass the necessary two-thirds threshold. Even critics of the measure agreed that decades of neglect have left aging West Contra Costa

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DiPrisco joins council; Owen T. wins school seat

Medical services measure wins handily

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

The nation saw record-number voter turnout coast to coast Tuesday, and Albany was no exception. The highest turnout in recent memory selected a newcomer to both the school board and the City Council, and approved a tax bolstering emergency medical services.

In the city's race to fill the remaining two years of the City Council seat vacated by Ed McManus, unofficial results Wednesday indicated a decisive victory for Mario DiPrisco, who won with over half the votes.

Though a handful of absentee ballots are still being tallied, Tuesday's count showed DiPrisco with 51.9 percent of the votes, with 1,455 going to Albany youth sports director Norm Friedman and 1,125 going to local real estate agent Rita Smith.

"Obviously, I'm thrilled," said DiPrisco, who heard the results at 1:50 a.m.

A financial analyst for a San Francisco-based firm, he said he attributes his success to running a positive campaign.

He also received plenty of support,

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SUSAN BUTSCH

Community remembers teacher Susan Butsch

AMS teacher had many friends and admirers

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

Susan Butsch, a seventh-grade Albany Middle School teacher, passed away peacefully at her home Oct. 31 after battling a terminal form of cancer for nearly two years. She was 43.

Through their tears, friends and relatives had a chance to share thoughts and memories of Butsch at a memorial service at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pinole on Monday.

"She will be remembered for her courage, her strength and faith, her smile, her laugh, and her love of life and family," said Butsch's husband, Eric Watterud, in a letter. Watterud said his wife enjoyed camping with her family, reading and gardening.

She was also greatly passionate about teaching, according to teachers who worked with her.

Butsch was born in Vancouver, Wash., and began her career teaching there in 1979. She moved to the Bay Area in 1984 and taught in the Albany Unified School District until diagnosed with cancer in February of 1999.

Calling parents at home, writing weekly reports on her students and tutoring children after school are a few of the ways she strove to stay in touch with her classes.

Outside of the classroom, her job didn't stop. She was a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and served on numerous committees, making presentations at local, state and regional conferences.

In addition, she was a member of the California Teachers Association and served on negotiations committees to improve the working conditions for her coworkers.

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Mill & Lumber site could be ready for tenants by spring 2002

Slight increases made to commercial, live/work space

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The Economic Development Board got an update at its last meeting on the "high amenity, high finish, top-of-the-market" apartment complex planned for the former El Cerrito Mill and Lumber Co. site.

John Baer of JMS Development Partners presented color drawings of the proposed development planned at San Pablo Avenue and Schmidt Lane, described the project, and answered questions from the board members.

The proposed development is described as a mixed-use facility that combines about 7,000 square feet of ground floor commercial space, mainly along San Pablo Avenue, but also up Schmidt Lane, with 163 apartments in six buildings on the 4.2- acre site.

The two- and three-story buildings on four parcels will orient around centralized landscaped courtyards, and a total of 240 on-site parking spaces are planned.

Seventy-five of the apartments will be one-bedroom, and 87 are planned as two-bedroom units. Twenty-seven of the 163 apartments, totaling about 20,000 square feet, will be constructed as live/work units that Baer said could be used by architects, accountants, attorneys and other small office users.

The project is still in a relatively early phase. Spring of 2002 was given as a tentative occupancy date. The development will have to go through the city's approval and planning process, including reviews by the Planning Commission and Design Review Board. Baer said the construction phase is expected to take 12 to 14 months.

Originally, the developers had planned for 5,600 square feet of commercial space and 12,000 square feet of live/work space. Baer said the increases in commercial and live/work spaces resulted from comments made by city officials and mem-

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CONTRIBUTED ARTWORK

Artist's rendering of buildings proposed for the former El Cerrito Mill & Lumber site.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Rotary pancake breakfast

You can enjoy a hearty meal while helping at-risk students at the 13th annual pancake breakfast hosted by the Rotary Club of El Cerrito from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12 at the Eagles Hall, 3223 Carlson Blvd. in El Cerrito. For $5 (or $4 for seniors and children under 12) enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, ham, orange juice, coffee and milk (free seconds on pancakes and free refills on coffee). Proceeds benefit the two-year-old Project Reach, which has provided cultural and educational exposure to El Cerrito youths designated as at-risk.

Persian banquet

From 6-9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12 at the El Cerrito Community Center (7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito), Celebrating Culture and Community will host its third annual dinner, this time honoring the Persian community. A Persian banquet catered by Papa's Restaurant, a Persian dance performance by Shahrzad Dance Academy (music by Aldoush Alpanian), and a brief talk on Persian culture by Dr. Ali Ferdowsi of the College of Notre Dame are among the evening's festivities. Cost is $30/person. Call 510-236-3255 for more information or to make a reservation.

Disability programs

A presentation on learning disability programs in all systems of colleges (University of California, California State University, and private and community colleges) will be discussed at at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, by a panel at Reach For Learning, 1221 Marin Ave. in Albany. Details: 524-6455.

Baseball registration

The El Cerrito Youth Baseball League is holding open registration for boys and girls ages 7-18. The registration dates are Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Harding Park Clubhouse (7115 C Street). Registration packets also are available at the El Cerrito Community Center (7007 Moeser Lane) or by calling 510-527-5603. The fees range from $95-$120 for El Cerrito residents and $110-$135 for non-residents. There is a sibling discount of $5. Tryouts will be held in January, and the season runs from March 4 through the end of the school year.

Youth swim team

Sponsored by the city of El Cerrito, the El Cerrito Gators Youth Swim team is a year-round team for children 5-18 years old based at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The cost is $41 per participant, with discounts for families. For information, call 510-215-4375.

Oral history workshop

A one-day oral history workshop sponsored by the Berkeley Historical Society on interviewing techniques will be offered by Oral Historian Gail Kurtz on Saturday, Nov. 18, in North Berkeley, at a $50 fee. Registration by Nov. 11 preferred. For info, call 510-841-5493.

Child's 'learning style'

Presentation and Discussion with Educational Therapist David Berg, "Understanding Your Child's Learning Style (and Perhaps Your Own)," will be held from 7:15-8:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the Albany Middle School Library, 1259 Brighton Ave. (next to Cougar Field).

'Poisonous' comedy plays until Nov. 18

'Arsenic' at CCCT

"Arsenic and Old Lace," a dark comedy by Joseph Kesserling, is the current presentation at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. It is directed by Elaina Jannell. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through Nov. 18. A matinee will be at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for students 16 and younger. For reservations or information, call the theater at 510-524-9132.

Art Association meeting

You're invited to attend the meeting of El Cerrito Art Association from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, in the Garden Room at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Guest artist will be Betty Sarni of Berkeley, an artist, teacher, and juror known for her brilliant, transparent, and fluid quality of watercolor of landscape, figure, portrait or still-life subjects. She will do critiques of members' paintings. She is a signature member of the California Watercolor Society and others. All are welcome to attend. Details: 510-524-6739, 510-526-1127.

Orchid sale and display

The Orchid Society of California's annual show and sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 11 and 12 at the Lakeside Garden Center in Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. The orchid displays may be viewed from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The sales area will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. A great variety of orchids will be for sale to accommodate orchid lovers from the novice to the discriminating collector, with spectacular plants for indoor and outdoor growing. There will be thousands of plants to choose from. The Society will stage magnificent orchid displays, with exotic orchids from all over the world. There will also be potting demonstrations, cultural information and supplies, and a raffle. Admission is free. Details: 510-538-8632.

Canine helps locate theft suspect

STAFF REPORT

EL CERRITO — On Nov. 2 a man was arrested after a Richmond Police dog helped El Cerrito officers sniff him out in the act of stealing a cash register from The Red Onion, at 11900 San Pablo Ave., according to a police report.

At around 2:15 a.m., the El Cerrito Police Department responded to a report of an audible alarm at the burger stand. When investigating officers arrived, they located a broken window at the rear of the business and determined the cash register was missing from inside.

Police conducted an area check of the surrounding area with the assistance of a Richmond Police Department dog. When the canine located a 46-year-old Richmond man in a rear yard of a nearby residence, it bit him, leaving him with "superficial injuries," police said.

The suspect was treated for his injuries and transported to the Main Detention Facility in Martinez.

The Contra Costa County District Attorney's office will seek a criminal complaint charging the suspect with burglary. Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact El Cerrito Police Department Detective Robert S. De La Campa at 510-215-4419.

■ Two males, 16 and 18, were arrested for several instances of vandalism after spray-painting graffiti on walls in El Cerrito and Oakland, according to El Cerrito Sergeant Wayne Mann.

The first reports came after graffiti was left on a parking lot fence at 10512 San Pablo Avenue, as well as a wall in Oakland. Store owners reported the incidents the afternoon of Oct. 18, saying it would cost them $100 to repaint the surfaces.

"They were arrested for one and confessed to the others," said Mann. Among those was PG&E's Waldo Avenue Substation, located at 10486 San Pablo Ave., in which brick pillars on the building's exterior had been spray painted.

■ A 19-year-old Richmond man was seriously injured Monday evening when he made a U-turn in front of an approaching truck on Ashbury Avenue, police said.

Aaron Valli was taken to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, where he was listed in serious condition by a hospital spokeswoman.

Police said Valli was driving a Ford Mustang southbound on Ashbury Avenue about 6:30 p.m. when he decided to make a U-turn at Central Avenue, near El Cerrito High School.

An approaching Ford pickup heading southbound on Ashbury Avenue tried to slow down but collided with the Mustang, police said.

The driver of the truck, Norman Fahmie of El Sobrante, was not injured, El Cerrito police Officer Dennis Danielson said.

■ At around 11:50 p.m. on Oct. 29, two men allegedly robbed Church's Fried Chicken on 11575 San Pablo Avenue at gunpoint.

Two employees, a 21-year-old woman and 40-year-old man, told police two men entered the store and said that one, a black man around 25 years old, wearing a purple shirt and pantsuit, demanded money at gun point and then fled on foot with $218.

"So far, there are no leads (on the suspects)," said Mann.

■ Between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Oct. 31, a 1991 Toyota Camry was stolen from a residence in the 1000 block of Liberty Street.

The previous night, another Toyota Camry was stolen from the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot. Neither car has been recovered.

■ At around 1:20 a.m. on Oct. 31, a 29-year-old man was arrested after he led police in a car chase near the Solano Avenue off-ramp of Interstate 80. According to a police report, the suspect, who was accompanied by an 18-year-old female, abandoned the vehicle, fled on foot, and physically resisted arrest.

■ The afternoon of Oct. 30 police issued an emergency protective order to a 29-year-old man after a 38-year-old man threatened to kill him, according to a report.

■ Shortly after 2 a.m. on [illegible] a 20-year-old El Cerrito [illegible] cited for driving while [illegible] near the intersection of [illegible] enue and Kearney Street. [illegible] alcohol level was reported [illegible] percent.

The previous night, a 21-[illegible] woman was given a DUI [illegible] traffic stop at the San Pablo [illegible] and El Dorado Street [illegible] addition, a week earlier a [illegible] old man was stopped for [illegible] code violation and found [illegible] ving under the influence, [illegible] to a report.

■ On Oct. 30, an El C[illegible] woman reported that her [illegible] urn SC1 was stolen from [illegible] block of Shevlin Drive.

■ At 11:45 the night of Oc[illegible] man living on the 7000 block of [illegible] Court reported that his [illegible] 50-year-old man, was [illegible] blasting a stereo in his direction. [illegible] suspect was not arrested.

■ At 10:50 the morning of [illegible] 29, 12 compact disks valued at [illegible] were allegedly stolen from [illegible] Wherehouse, a record store on [illegible] San Pablo Avenue. An employee [illegible] police he saw a young man [illegible] the CDs and take off in a white [illegible] door car that was waiting for [illegible]

■ The night of Oct. 28, [illegible] senger door was allegedly pried [illegible] and in-dash stereo stolen from [illegible] ota pick-up parked on the 200 [illegible] of Tamalpais Avenue.

■ At 7:40 p.m. on Oct. 31, [illegible] attempting to steal a variety [illegible] medication and eye drops at [illegible] Drugs, 10650 San Pablo Avenue. [illegible] portedly fled the store after [illegible] confronted by an employee.

■ Two women reported [illegible] someone defecated on their [illegible] on the 8000 block of Terrace [illegible] the night of Oct. 30.

■ Last month, a 42-year-[illegible] Cerrito man told police he had [illegible] ceived two unsolicited wake-[illegible] phone calls. At 5:20 a.m. and [illegible] a.m., he said, a man called him [illegible] said, "This is your wake-up [illegible] claiming to be from a wake-up [illegible] ing service.

POLICE REPORTS

Focus on Cafe Electica: a teen cafe

Albany Chamber

By Roxanne Wiley

CHAMBER MANAGER

It's such a great idea, isn't it? A cafe for teens that is run by teens. What a concept! A place to study, hang out, have a snack, listen to music and recreate with your peers. Too cool. This is very different from the drive-ins in my day where everybody just cruised around because we had no place to go. This place has a pool table, games, dartboards, desks, three computers, and free e-mail accounts. The front part of the building is for study and such and the back houses the games and snack bar.

The idea for this cafe has been in the making for some time and finally came to fruition with local grant money and local business and groups chipping in to get it rolling, but they will always need financial support from the community. Dr. Charlie Prins for one, generated through his office the $800 he presented to the cafe (see picture above). The cafe is student-run, always with an adult supervisor. The kids (there are 25 non-paid workers) will learn how to operate a business and have something that they can call their own.

The cafe is only open at selected times. Because it stands empty while school is in session, it is another new location for community activities (seminars, birthday parties, etc.). The rental fees are very low and the income generated by renting out the facility will be put to good use. On the weekend, the kids often have special events at night: a music group or a film.

The daytime weekend hours could be rented for a special birthday or like event.

The hours for teen activity are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 3-6, Wednesday 2-6, and Friday and Saturday 7-11 p.m. at 1309 Solano Ave.



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DR. CHARLIE PRINS presenting a fundraising check to Natalie Focht with Elizabeth Pheffer, Lili Goldsmith and Kyle Tan looking on.

Mixer at California Bank and Trust

On Nov. 16, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. California Bank and Trust will be hosting with the Albany Chamber of Commerce a harvest time mixer.

Be sure to put this event on your calendar for it is sure to be a good time to meet and schmooze.

Holiday window displays

Design A Sign will be featuring holiday window splashes for your business. They promise to be most decorative and festive. If interested, call them at 528-0383.

Thursday Nite Walkabout

The Chamber is encouraging businesses to stay open Thursday nights starting this month and perhaps offer specials to customers who choose to shop then. It could be a nice alternative for shoppers or people who just want to walkabout the neighborhood before or after dinner. Please join us on this new adventure and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Resident robbed on Halloween night

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the afternoon of Oct. 31 Albany stopped an '81 Kawasaki motorcycle near Adams Street and Solano Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 32-year-old Pinole man, was found to have $5,000 in outstanding warrants from Berkeley for possession of drugs. He was arrested, cited and transferred to the Berkeley jail. His motorcycle was towed.

■ At about 8:15 p.m. on Oct. 31 a resident on the 1200 block of Washington Avenue reported that trick-or-treaters had egged her car when she told them that she had just run out of candy. Officers took the report.

■ At about 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 a resident on the 700 block of Pomona Avenue reported that his roommate had just arrived home and had been attacked and robbed while walking home from the El Cerrito BART station. Albany paramedics responded and transported the man to the hospital. Officers searched the area of the attack and are investigating.

■ At about 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 officers were flagged down by a resident on the 800 block of Curtis Avenue who reported that he had just been egged by a group in a white Toyota 4-Runner. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

■ At about 1:30 a.m. on Nov. 1 officers were notified by Richmond police to be on the look out for a subject who had been involved in a violent domestic dispute. The subject was reported to be traveling south on the BART path near Masonic and Brighton avenues. Albany officers responded to the area and observed a man, matching the description, walking south on the BART path. When he saw the officers he ran and jumped over fences on the 500 block of Masonic Avenue. Officers found the subject, a 33-year-old Richmond man, hiding under a vehicle on the 600 block of Evelyn Avenue. He was arrested and turned over to the Richmond police. Afterwards officers learned that the man had a No Bail warrant out of Albany. Officers contacted the Richmond Police Department and placed a hold on the subject.

■ On the morning of Nov. 1 a resident on the 900 block of Polk Street reported that during the night thieves stole her wallet and bag from her car. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Nov. 1 a resident on the 700 block of Cornell Avenue reported that during the night vandal scratched her brown '91 Windstar. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Nov. 1 a resident on the 500 block of [illegible] Street reported that thieves had [illegible] ken into her blue '88 Honda [illegible] were no witnesses.

■ At about 6 p.m. on Nov. [illegible] business owner on the 900 block [illegible] Santa Fe Avenue reported that a [illegible] ject she described as a black [illegible] about 15 to 16 years old, five [illegible] feet tall, with a medium build, [illegible] ing a black hooded jacket and [illegible] scarf around his mouth, entered [illegible] business while she was counting [illegible] cash and demanded money. The [illegible] ject then grabbed money from [illegible] counter and fled. He was last [illegible] traveling south on Santa Fe Ave[illegible] and was gone when officers arrived.

■ On the evening of Nov. 1 a [illegible] ident on the 700 block of Cal[illegible] Street reported that a thief had [illegible] tered the parking garage area [illegible]

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New Delhi researcher touts benefits of less motorized society

By Lisa Scherman
CORRESPONDENT

The upshot of a presentation at UC Berkeley late last month was music to the ears of any bicycling advocate: A greater reliance on bicycles over motor vehicles would mean fewer deaths and injuries and less traffic congestion.

That was the conclusion of Dinesh Mohan, a researcher at the Indian Institute of Technology in New Delhi who spoke at a presentation hosted by the Traffic Safety Center. The center was formed as a partnership between the UC Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies and the School of Public Health, with participation from the School of Civil Engineering. Mohan discussed his research on transportation and injury prevention.

Injury from motor vehicle collisions is the leading cause of death among U.S. residents between the ages of 1 and 34. Injuries from all causes, are the leading contributor to years of life lost due to pre-mature death in the country, surpassing heart disease, cancer, and stroke, and motor vehicle collision account for the largest portion of injuries.

Mohan, in a presentation at the Alumni House on the Cal campus, focused his lecture on reasons why less motorized countries, like India, have struggles with adopting knowledge and technology from highly motorized countries.

Points of interest from Mohan's lecture were his suggestions for enhancing bicycle use in this country as a means for transportation in addition to recreational use. In India and other less motorized countries cyclists ride bikes because they don't a choice. They are typically called "captive riders."

In order to promote bicycle use in this country cyclists must be treated like automobiles and buses, Mohan said. "You must have extensive bike transportation facilities like bike stops, facility repair "shops", and respected bike lanes everywhere," he said.

The idea may find support in the rapidly growing and traffic-congested Bay Area. When asked what can be done, in a grand scheme, to rescue the Bay Area from its traffic crisis, Mohan's response was a theme familiar to those in the sustainable cities movement: "Whenever a new company or residential area is being built, the developers must include the concept of village life. This means, including where are the people going to live, work, and buy their everyday necessities of life? These are critical considerations, and necessary items that need to be addressed and handled."

Although bicycle fatalities are high in the U.S., Mohan is confident that once a movement gets going to prevent these accidents, the rate will go done. "If the upper middle class demands it, it happens," he said. "Bike and car owners in this country are from the same social group, and middle class and upper-middle class people are powerful. They will eventually enact change. This is very different in less motorized countries where the cyclists are unequivocally the most marginalized and ignored population."

Mohan ended his presentation with an inspirational quote: " Innovation has no boundaries," leaving it to attendees to ponder how to innovate, or imagine, thousands of people biking to work, shopping centers, or social engagements, in safe, and "respectful" bike lanes.

El Cerrito discusses layout options for revamped Swim Center

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city is going to get a new Swim Center. Now it is a question of what particulars people wish to see included in their new facility.

At a joint meeting last week, the City Council, the Design Review Board, the Park and Recreation Commission, and members of the public reviewed four possible designs and told the designers some of their Swim Center likes, dislikes and desires.

Representatives from the Swim Center lead architectural firm of Ellerbe Becket Inc. of San Francisco, including project director Paul Roberts and project architect Nathan Ogle, presented the plans and noted comments from the audience.

The Ellerbe Becket plans were developed using the Swim Center master plan adopted by the City Council in September 1999 after a public review process.

"That master plan has given a lot of information," Ogle said at last week's meeting. He said the "design visions" of the master plan included a desire to create a "city focal point — a real gem in the city" to optimize useability by providing good ventilation and light at the center and to "define the entrance" of the new facility.

The new Swim Center will include a new 25-yard by 25-meter competition pool and a smaller "zero entry" recreation pool. There will also be new women's and men's locker rooms, family changing rooms, new offices, a concession stand, a lifeguard tower, bleachers, a lawn area, a multi-purpose meeting room, storage rooms and a new pump room.

Two of the designs had the main Swim Center entrance toward the middle of the facility's east side, with a second entryway through the current Community Center entrance.

The other two designs had a single enclosed lobby entrance at the south end of the Swim Center next to the Community Center.

Most voicing an opinion at the meeting said they preferred the middle-entrance option, mainly for ease of getting quickly to and from the pools.

Several roof styles were also presented, including a "butterfly" style roof with the roof peaks on the edges to let in more natural light and aid air flow.

El Cerrito resident and co-captain of the El Cerrito Aquatic Masters, Randall Smith, and others in the audience suggested an ozone purification system to clean the water in the pool to minimize chlorine chemical use.

Others encouraged using natural light and ventilation in the locker rooms, locating the children's swim play structures in the smaller pool. Another option is locating the water play structures just north of the smaller pool and the use of tile or tile accents in the design.

Albany resident and masters' swim team member Jerri Holan made several suggestions and received cheers and applause from the audience when she asked, "Could we have lights at night?"

Squirrel cuts power to 25,000 on Sunday

STAFF REPORT

Twenty-five thousand customers from El Cerrito to Oakland lost power Sunday morning after a squirrel got inside a transformer at an El Cerrito substation. The outage extended from West Berkeley up to Martin Luther King Jr. Way, and in parts of Albany and El Cerrito as far north as Stockton Avenue. Most of the customers who lost power were in Berkeley, PG&E said.

The power was out from about 10:25 to 11:55 a.m., said Maureen Bogues, spokeswoman for Pacific Gas & Electric. BART said the power went out at 10:20 a.m. at the Berkeley BART station. The Berkeley BART station was closed at 10:20 a.m. after the station went dark, and it was reopened at noon. Train power was not affected and service went on as scheduled, except that trains did not stop at the Berkeley station.

El Cerrito board seeks money-savvy residents

EL CERRITO — The city is looking for residents with financial or economic skills who want to serve on the newly created Financial Advisory Board.

The five-person board will advise the City Council on budget matters, and review and assist city staff with financial decisions. Residents with experience in financial management, accounting, fiscal analysis and economic analysis are desired.

Each council member will appoint one board member. The application deadline is Nov. 27. For more information or an application, call the city clerk's office at 510-215-4305 or stop by City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.

JOURNAL BRIEFS

Kensington Hilltop School's Garden Party fund-raiser is Nov. 11

Kensington Hilltop School is again holding its annual Garden Party fund-raising event to provide special classes and programs that the West Contra Costa Unified School District can no longer support.

The Garden Party starts at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. The public is invited to attend.

The Garden Party features great food and drink, as well as a mind-boggling array of donated items to bid on — last year's auction featured 650 offerings.

There's literally something for everyone — and every budget. In the past, auction items have ranged from afternoon outings with a favorite meal to a couple of hours of babysitting, from fine art to weekend getaways.

Highlights of this year's auction include an original drawing by Picasso and a sketch by Dr. Seuss.

Advance tickets cost $35 and can be obtained by calling Cathy Travis at 510-528-5152. Tickets will also be available at the door for $40.

Bargains for a good cause

EL CERRITO — Bargain hunters can support worthy causes by shopping at the annual "Holiday Shopping Spree" to be held starting Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Berkeley Clinic Auxiliary's Turnabout Shop's annual "Holiday Shopping Spree."

Christmas items and especially nice things are saved for this once-a-year bonanza, to which every member of the auxiliary contributes five new gift items.

The shop is open daily, except Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at 10052 San Pablo Ave.

The auxiliary is a non-profit volunteer organization founded in 1917 that has worked for more than 83 years to raise funds for community health care needs. Forty-six years ago, the auxiliary opened the Turnabout Shop thrift store.

The volunteers decided to concentrate on assisting children from low income families to receive orthodontia treatment. A number of local orthodontists work with the auxiliary to recommend children with severe dental problems who need assistance. "When you see the turnaround in children's lives as a result of having this dental work, it's a wonderful reward for our volunteer efforts," said Betty Altfillisch of Kensington, auxiliary president.

As shop income permits, other community charitable, youth, and service organizations receive substantial contributions each year. These groups include Telecare, a group of volunteers who phone shutins daily; Center for Education of the Infant Deaf; Berkeley Alzheimer's Services; senior centers in Albany, Berkeley, and El Cerrito; Richmond Souper Center, part of the Greater Richmond Interfaith Project; the Over 60 Clinic; Champ Camp for Severely Burned Children; Hearing Dogs for the Deaf; and many others.

Funds for all these activities are raised by the auxiliary's 50 volunteers who operate and staff the Turnabout Shop. All goods are donated and all work is volunteered: planning, sorting, marking, selling, and decorating. The shop welcomes donations of items such as clothing, jewelry, kitchenware, linens, books, paintings, toys, small appliances, china, and glassware.

A large percentage of the money distributed each year to the community by the auxiliary is raised by this sale. Patrons get good bargains and support the auxiliary's charitable causes. For more information, call 510-525-7844.

AHS Theater Ensemble staging two productions

The Albany High School Theater Ensemble is producing two theatrical performances: "Alice in Wonderland," by the Manhattan Project, and "Offending the Audience," by Peter Handke." Although "Alice" is not the Disney version, it is suitable for the whole family. "Offending the Audience," though not inappropriate, is for more mature audiences, and any small children should be accompanied by their parents.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Nov. 10, 11, 17, and 18, and at 5 p.m. on Nov. 19. Tickets are $5 for students and seniors and $7 for adults and can be purchased via e-mail at theaterensemble@hotmail.com or by phone at 510-559-6550, ext. 4125. Purchasers should leave their name, phone number, the number of tickets they wish to reserve (the number of adult, and student/senior) and the night they wish to attend. The tickets can then be picked up at the box office.

Jack London Book and Paper Collectors Fair

BERKELEY — The 20th annual Jack London Book and Paper Collectors Fair, the East Bay's biggest and oldest antiquarian book show, will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 at the Radisson Hotel, 200 Marina Blvd. at the Berkeley Marina.

Peruse fine books, ephemera, and paper collectibles from over 50 exhibiting California dealers. Along with fine, antiquarian, out-of-print, first edition, autographed and inscribed books, there will be paper collectibles, including autographs, advertising, world's fair material, calendars, catalogues, maps, posters, theater programs and tons of postcards.

In addition, Michael Peter Smith, author of "Transitional Urbanism: Locating Globalization," will appear at 2 p.m. for a book-signing. Smith is a professor at U.C. Davis and a faculty associate at U.C. Berkeley's Center for California Studies.

Admission is $6. Parking is free.

Volunteers sought for Baxter Creek project

EL CERRITO — The Friends of Baxter Creek will hold a work party 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Mira Vista Park, at Mount Street and Silva Avenue.

It is recommended that volunteers bring their own gardening gloves and hand tools to help install a garden of native vegetation on the portion of Baxter Creek that meanders through the park.

Organizers say that while work on the garden began last summer, most of the planting and propagation will take place this winter, when rainfall will water the garden.

Youngsters 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 510-231-5778.

Free forum to discuss Medicare, HMO

SAN PABLO — The Contra Costa County Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, commonly known as HICAP, is sponsoring a Medicare information forum 10 to 1:30 a.m., Nov. 15.

The free public forum will deal with some of the problems affecting people on Medicare, including the increase in monthly premiums and changes in benefit coverage by some Medicare HMOs and the fact that Aetna, Blue Shield and National Health will no longer serve as HMOs for those on Medicare in Contra Costa County.

Representatives of Medicare and HICAP will discuss the changes in the HMO plans and options available to Medicare participants.

The forum will be held at Maple Hall, 13880 San Pablo Ave. Refreshments will be served. Call 800-510-2020 for more information.

Albany, El Cerrito residents earn National Merit Honors

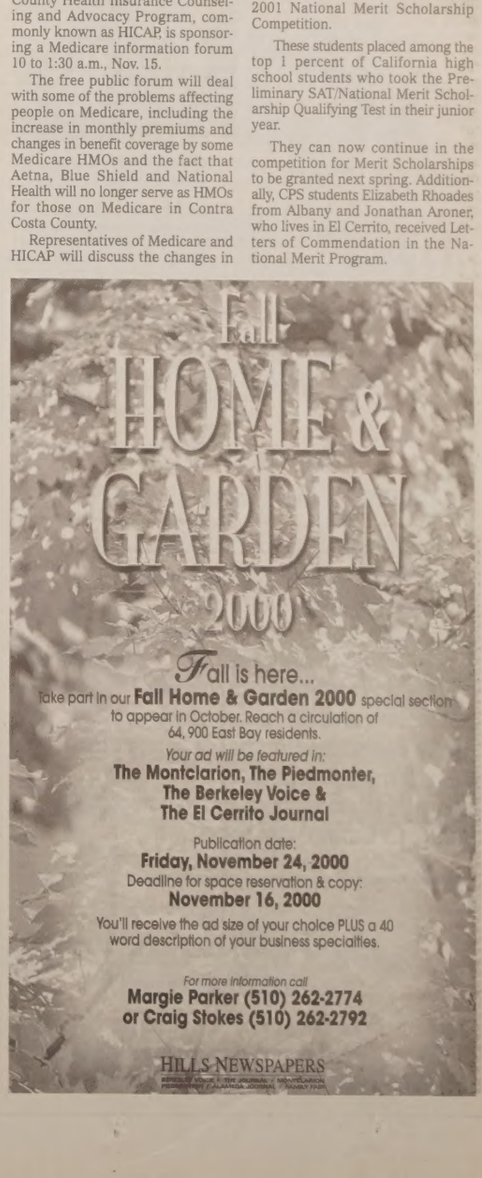
Anya Goldstein, who lives in Albany, and Vincent Choo and Gwyneth Harrison-Shermoen from El Cerrito, all seniors who attend The College Preparatory School, have been named as semi-finalists in the 2001 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

These students placed among the top 1 percent of California high school students who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in their junior year.

They can now continue in the competition for Merit Scholarships to be granted next spring. Additionally, CPS students Elizabeth Rhoades from Albany and Jonathan Aroner, who lives in El Cerrito, received Letters of Commendation in the National Merit Program.







Opinion

VIEWPOINT

Impressions while walking about and thinking about U.C. campus

By James L. Fairley,
CAL CLASS OF '53

One certainly doesn't expect U.C. Berkeley to hold steady through time, but what's happened over the years is cause for alarm.

What follows — some notes I took in my head as I walked on the campus the other day — will, hopefully, be an abrupt departure from your usual reading fare. Originally, my intent was only to write several of the deans, but my concerns spread as I ambled about, so I've sent this off to others of you that that might find my remarks of interest, if not of use, including some of the local press.

Occasionally I chance on campus to renew my library card, get a book out, or just to consider the happenings over the last 35 years since I was a student here.

First the bicycles threading their way speedily through the crowds, making the less than agile 70 year old like myself wary and nervous. As a practicing curmudgeon, I've made note of this to a dean's office several times before. Always a nice letter ensues — "we're looking into the matter, enforcement will prevail, admonishments will be made" and the like. But it gets worse. Where are the bikers going now that they didn't have to go when bikes were kept off the pathways?

And now, there are cars to watch out for, too! Gone are the dirt paths and wild areas that used to make the place and pace so attractive. Now paved over — I'm told that after the Free Speech Movement the police asked that this be done so they could move quickly to tamp down disquiet wherever it might appear — and the wild places are now planted with new buildings housing the urgencies of progress. The campus used to be such a serene public place, quiet enough to think about the education you were receiving, even to ruminate on whether it was worthwhile having one, or to consider bailing out of the rat race and shucking the career racket. There were even dedicated non-achievers around called bohemians who — peculiar souls — thought an education was an end in itself. Gone! Canceled now by high rents, high fees that require a straight ahead, vocational demeanor, or, barring that, the prospect of homelessness.

The new stacks in the library with shelf after empty shelf. Computers that have emptied those shelves, replaced the card catalogue with the hype of cyberspace, heady stuff, with its virtual reality of everywhere while you go nowhere. A plaque on the wall as you enter "The Information Gateway" to the Moffitt Library computer room reminds one that this largess is "Made possible by a grant from Pacific Bell and its Foundation." Students, the eyes of the corporations are upon you!

The ubiquitous security systems. Are we inside or outside?

The students running around with knapsacks on their backs. Are there books inside, or the debt notices that accrue after years of borrowing money to pay for what used to be essentially a free education?

I must enthuse about one improvement, however, the relatively new quartering of the economics department (my former field of inquiry) in Evans Hall, a building with all the dreary monumentality — totalitarian concrete — of the dismal science itself. What must the current crop of economists think of the new Haas School of Business now crowning the departed space of Cowell Hospital, where free medical care was once at the service of every student? A palace compared to their quarters, and properly so, nothing but the lap of luxury for the elite biz whizzes, the better for them to trumpet the bottom line culture now so widely applauded. Instead of the good life, the commodity life, the corporate life.

And I note the Free Speech Movement has earned some mementos, a cafe named after it, with pictures of Mario Savio prominently displayed and a hole in the ground in Sproul Plaza encircled with words somehow adding up to a commemoration of what once passed there; but now more often stepped on than read. Everyone can still toot the horn of free speech, say anything. But what are they saying in these days of this lengthy and highly selective prosperity? So much is known about what is wrong, even more is denied — but so little is being said.

Basically, the points made here suggest that the university (almost all universities for that matter) have contributed more to the serious problems of today's society than to their abatement, illumination, alleviation and so on. There has simply been an incredible change for the worse, with some extremely important exceptions, since I was an undergraduate at U.C. Berkeley.

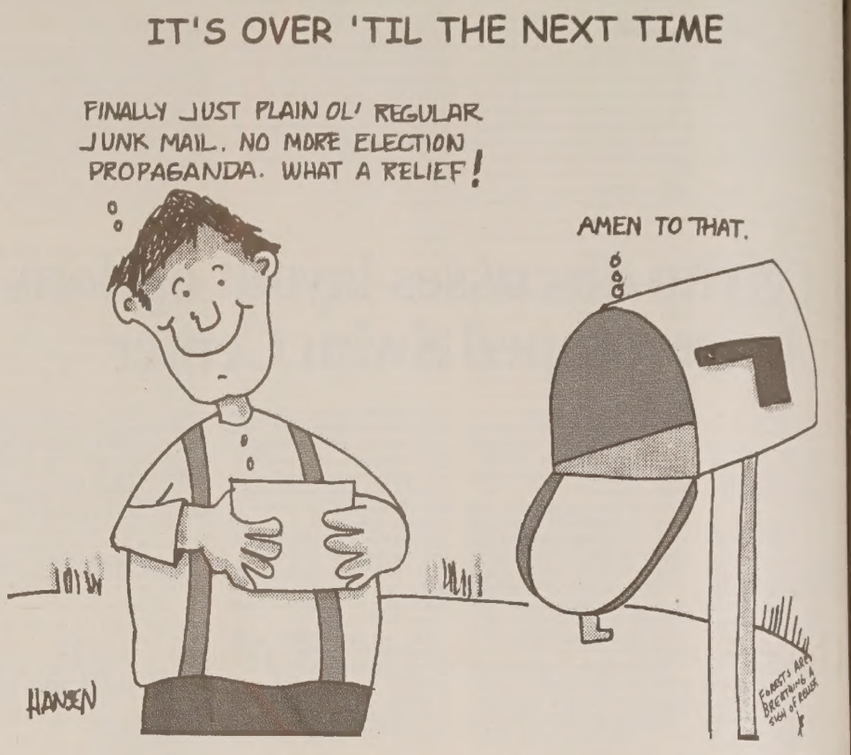
So as not to be purely on the negative side, some suggestions that might both quiet down the hurry-scurry on the campus as well as relieve some of the street traffic:

Eliminate bicycles from the campus, period, since they will invariably violate the rules if allowed. Eliminate scooters, skateboards, and whatever else takes away the need and the pleasure of walking. And throw out cell phones too, for that matter. Take a hard look at all the automobile traffic on campus and ban everything except the very, very necessary trips. Ban incoming "fresh folks" (my PC designation here is probably not up to snuff) and sophomores from bringing their vehicles with them during the year. Not only will that reduce traffic on the streets, but will send many elsewhere with their dangerous polluting toys, thus easing the fall crunch and the housing shortage.

There is absolutely nothing in the rule book that certifies all change as progress or which denies the possibility of change directed in more amenable directions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support local businesses and Albany schools

Regarding Kay Weinstein's PTA notes in the Oct. 27 edition:

She recommends readers "support Albany schools" by making purchases from online retailers.

If readers truly want to support our schools, they should make purchases from local businesses. Businesses that pay local taxes, employ local people, and make a difference to the community, not to mention those who regularly donate time and money and goods to the schools, not just a one-time, feel-good offer.

Lise Solomon
Albany

Great teachers make great schools

In response to "Teachers Rally for More Pay" (Journal, Oct. 27), this is an open letter to Albany School Superintendent Gary Mills:

While The Journal characterized you as "tight-lipped," you can counteract that adjective by being open-handed, open-hearted, and even-handed in giving the Albany school teachers the double-digit raises they certainly deserve in this high-cost of living area.

I have been an Albany homeowner since 1978 and now have a child in kindergarten. His teacher has a Masters from Mills College and is the best influence in his life, after his family. I fully agree with elementary school teacher Joan Serin who said: New programs, new materials, new buildings do not make a school district great. Teachers do."

When I look back at the influences that helped make me a success in life in every way, I think of the slew of great teachers I was fortunate to have in and out of public school, as I include my ballet, martial arts and music teachers as well. I learned ethics as well as liberal arts and languages from my public school teachers. They gave me a lifelong love of learning and the ability to learn on my own. They encouraged me to become and remain an informed citizen and an intellectual and moral leader. I am a better parent for having had great public school teachers as kind, loving, firm and humorous role models.

Already my son has all of these great attributes in his very first Albany public school teacher. I am terrified to think that by the time he gets to fourth and fifth grades, the good teachers may be driven to work elsewhere by the factors fifth-grade teacher Sonia Zupa mentioned: "...since K-12 class sizes were reduced, leaving fourth and fifth grade teachers with less prep time and larger classes in comparison to other grades, a handful of them have left for other jobs."

As Albany residents, taxpayers and parents of school-age children, or grown-up children, or children to come, or even "child-free" adults, let's do whatever it takes to make sure Mr. Mills, who is probably a reasonable, smart and good-hearted man, hears our message of total support for the wonderful Albany public school teachers who are the reason we fight against private school vouchers and joyfully send our precious children to the Albany public schools where we think they can get the best of all possible education — because of the teachers and the parents who stand behind them.

Wendy Stephens
Albany

A summit of deception in Egypt

The convergence on Egypt of 16 non-democratically elected Arab heads of state on Oct. 21 and 22 proved to be an exercise in self-preservation.

The emergency summit was ostensibly convened to lend a helping hand to the besieged Palestinian people, but, as predicted, it degenerated into accusations, empty threats and the pompous issuing of hollow declarations.

Historically, the Arab regimes have used the Palestinian plight to divert attention from their staggering social, political and economic problems that are brewing at home. All of the existing Arab rulers, with the exception of the Lebanese, either inherited thrones or usurped power through violent military takeovers. They rule by the sword, and any one who questions their suffocating control over every aspect of their people's lives and squandering of their natural resources dies by the sword.

Having no input in decision-making or execution, the Arab masses embraced their governments' vacuous promises that, one day, the "impoverished" Arab armies would push the Jews into the ocean, liberate Palestine and restore it to the Palestinian people.

These pronouncements from the Arab-controlled media and the Arab masses' false dream of such a military triumph was put to rest in June 1967. While the Arab regimes were buys misleading their people, the Israelis were busy building and procuring some of the world's most deadly military might, including nuclear weapons.

The results of these two glaring realities were confirmed by the Arab armies' catastrophic defeat at the hands of the Israelis that year, known as the Six Day War. The Arab people realized their governments' promises of military success were no more than a diversionary excuse, at best.

Since that humiliating war, the majority of the Arab people have become increasingly cynical about their autocratic governments' insincere commitment regarding the liberation of Palestine as well as those regimes' usage of the consuming and prolonged conflict for their own ends.

Considering the Arab regimes' beguiling past declarations, their escalating incompetence and unpopularity, their unwillingness to commit their armies or natural resources to support their promises, and their fear of propelling their societies to their full potential, the Arab governments' pandering is not only undermining their credibility, but increasing their people's wrath and resentment.

This is why the communiqué which the Cairo Summit spit out this month was received with utter cynicism and contempt by most Arabs, especially the Palestinians. It is more of the same, deception and exaggerated declarations of meaningless threats.

Tired of previous subterfuge and unfulfilled promises, the Arab people are very restless and angry not just towards the Israelis and their American sponsors, but more so towards their own indulgent governments.

This highly charged and irreversible sentiment is a major threat to the stability of the region, and consequently, to the economies of the United States, Asia and Europe, which rely on Middle Eastern oil. This is what's behind the European and American officials' nervousness and intense desire to quell the present raging violence before its ramifications spread to the region's oil-rich areas and their despised kings and amirs.

At this juncture, it looks like the yearning Arab masses may have reached the limits of their trampled patience.

Ali H. Alyami
Kensington

Simple taxing method

It shouldn't be such a hassle to tax E-commerce.

I've been reading about the various plans to tax companies doing business over the Internet. It's all too complicated. The issue shouldn't be where a company's building is or who does it's advertising. That stuff just makes more work for lawyers.

The government just wants to collect some more tax money, that's all. So just do it, I say.

Let's pass a national law that imposes a sales tax on all retail transactions done over the Internet, to be collected by the shipper of merchandise.

The amount of the tax would be set depending on the zip code in the shipping address. It will not matter at all where the selling company is located.

Collected taxes would be paid to the tax authorities in whichever state a company finds convenient. These sales tax revenues would then be re-distributed to the tax entities in the various zip codes.

How would the tax re-distribution be carried out? Why, by computers, of course. The banks could handle the job easily.

Steve Geller
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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Election itself was far more exciting than the candidates



MARTIN SNAPP

Snapp Shots

Do you remember the scene from "Citizen Kane" when Kane is running for governor, and his paper has two different headlines ready to go on Election Night? One reads, "Kane Elected!" And the other (in case he loses) reads, "Fraud At Polls!"

That's how I prepared for Tuesday night's cliffhanger. I had two columns ready: one if Bush won and the other if Gore won. (And in both cases, I said I knew it was going to happen all along.)

But what I didn't plan on is that neither guy would win.

Of course, by the time you read this, we might finally know who the next president is. But on the other hand, we might not. And it was only last month that I got burned when I led off a column with the words, "Whew! Some heat wave, huh?" only to have the temperature plummet by the time the column appeared.

So no rush to judgment today. Next week — assuming we know more by then, which is by no means a done deal — we'll talk about The Meaning Of It All.

But it's not to early to make a few observations.

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First, isn't this exciting? I am totally stoked. This is what a history junkie like me lives for.

I used to be so jealous of the people who lived in 1800, when Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr tied for president.

That election was decided in the House of Representatives by Jefferson's arch-enemy, Alexander Hamilton, who directed his followers to vote for Jefferson on the grounds that as bad as Jefferson was, Burr was worse.

Or 1876, the so-called "stolen election," when a special commission awarded some disputed electoral votes to Republican Rutherford B. Hayes, who had lost the popular vote to Democrat Samuel J. Tilden.

The Democrats went along with the arrangement, thanks to a secret deal between Republican Congressman (and later president) James A. Garfield and the head of the Ku Klux Klan. The Democrats agreed not to object in return for the Republicans' promise to scuttle Reconstruction and abandon the ex-slaves to the not-so-tender mercies of their former masters.

Or 1916, when Republican Charles Evans Hughes, with huge majorities rolling up in the eastern states, went to bed confident that he had been elected president. But in the wee small hours of the morning, California unexpectedly went for Democrat Woodrow Wilson, giving him the election. The next morning, a reporter called the Hughes home to get a statement.

"The president is asleep," Hughes' son haughtily replied.

"Well," said the reporter, "when he wakes up, tell him he isn't president."

But I'm not jealous of them any more. What an election! No matter whom you voted for, you have to admit: Isn't this fun?

A First Lady gets elected senator in New York! A dead man gets elected senator in Missouri! The presidential election boils down to a few hundred votes in a few disputed precincts in Florida! This is the plot of a bad TV movie, except it's really happening!

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A thought that should humble us, though, is how fickle fate can be. One of these guys is going to be the Emperor of the World. He'll have more fame and power than Alexander, Caesar and Napoleon put together. Mothers will name their children after him. Future generations will mark an era in history by his name.

The other guy will quickly drift into obscurity. He'll become a historical footnote, quickly forgotten and relegated alongside Horatio Seymour, Alton B. Parker, John W. Davis and Michael Dukakis.

And it's all going to turn on a few hundred votes in Florida.

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And we're hearing a lot of talk, mostly from unhappy Democrats, about abolishing the Electoral College.

Look, I voted for Gore, and the way things stand now, it looks like it's my ox who's going to be, uh, gored.

But I hope we think twice before we do anything rash. The founding fathers knew what they were doing.

The Electoral College protects the little states from being swamped by the sheer numbers of the big ones. Since we live in the biggest state of all, that argument might not have much sway with you. But consider the alternative:

If we go to a raw popular vote, we won't be reporting the results state-by-state in the future. We'll be reporting them media-market-by-media-market.

And anyone who doesn't live inside one of those major media markets is going to be completely out in the cold. Is this any way to make people feel like they have a stake in our democracy?

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You know who I'm really happy for? The parents of America. Their kids are getting a civics lesson that they'd never get in 10 years of school. And we're all learning that every vote really-does count.

And they must be breaking out the champagne at the Chicago Tribune. After taking flak for 52 years for its famous "Dewey Defeats Truman" headline in 1948, the Tribune has finally been joined by dozens of other papers this year (including the Oakland Tribune) whose early editions read, "It's George W."

Speaking of headlines, I was alarmed to read this one recently in the Chronicle: "Parties Beating The Bushes To Round Up Voters." All I could think was, "Hasn't this family suffered enough?"

And here's the worst Dan Rather-ism of Tuesday night: "This election is as hot and tight as a too-small swimsuit on a too-long ride back from the beach."

Finally, 40 lashes with Ann Landers' favorite wet noodle for my friend — I'm too nice a guy to print her name — who called me Tuesday night, upset because Gore was losing.

"Wait a second," I said. "I thought you voted for Nader."

"I did!" she wailed. "But I didn't want it to hurt Gore!"

As the kids would say, "Well, Duh!"

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But there was one very bad thing about this election: the fact that Joanne Hausler wasn't here to take part in it.

Hausler, a longtime Oakland neighborhood activist, died two weeks ago from a sudden heart attack. Almost up until the day of her death, she attended every City Council meeting and neighborhood group meeting without exception, for more years than anyone can remember.

And she did this in spite of the fact that she was bound to a wheelchair by Multiple Sclerosis.

"It was painful for her just to get up and get dressed in the morning," says her husband, Don. "She really was an inspiration to everyone."

Before the disease forced her retirement, Hausler was the manager of display at the old I. Magnin's in Oakland. All those beautiful window displays we used to ooh and aah over were hers.

She was also the co-founder of the Rose Garden Neighborhood Association and editor of its newsletter, as well as co-founder of the Neighborhood Newsletter Task Force that met every month at the Oakland Library. She was the glue that held Oakland's diverse neighborhood groups together.

(And, by the way, she was also one heck of a pianist, until the MS made her stop.)

A memorial service will be held tomorrow at Plymouth Church, 424 Monte Vista Avenue in Oakland. And I can't think of a more appropriate day.

Tomorrow is Veterans' Day, but it was originally called Armistice Day, to commemorate the day that the shooting stopped in World War I. It's the only holiday we have that specifically honors the cessation of hostilities.

Not a bad day to celebrate the life of a woman who loved peace and justice as much as Hausler did.

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Chinese congregation celebrates church's 100th anniversary

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

Scores of Chinese Americans crowded the lobby of the Berkeley Chinese Community Church Sunday afternoon and lined for up sandwiches, fried dumplings and pastries and spent the next couple hours chatting with fellow church members.

This was no typical after-service tea, but a celebration of congregation's 100th year in Berkeley. The church is one of the many United Churches of Christ, and leaders of this primarily Asian congregation are constantly seeking ways to attract and keep more members.

"I think it's going to be a constant struggle," said senior pastor Rodney Lee.

The room was mostly filled with adults, including a large number of elderly and a handful of teenagers. One gets the sense this is a community, but an extended one as people travel in from many surrounding cities for the celebration.

Though there are many Chinese churches in the Bay Area, this one, located on 2117 Acton St., is one of two Bay Area United Churches of Christ that serve the Chinese community. The second in is Chinatown in San Francisco.

In reality, UCC is a metamorphosis of various denominations.

Created in 1957, the United Church of Christ is relatively new, and was originally a combination of the Congregational Christian Church, the Evangelical Church and the Reform Church.

This anniversary, therefore, is more a celebration of the congregation itself.

Yee wrote in a brochure for the event, "One hundred years ago, Chinese students studying at UC Berkeley gathered together for Bible study and fellowship in the basement of the First Congregational Church in Berkeley for the very first time."

Since then, they have been housed in several different locations, settling in this one in the late 1950s.

In Berkeley, most of its members are of Chinese decent, with a handful of white members, typically due to interracial marriages. Lee said he would like to see more diversity in the future.

Services used to be bilingual. Now, there are services in both English and Cantonese each week, with occasional "joint worship" services.

"What's interesting is that of our oldest group, a lot are American born. Some have been coming to this church for 50 or 60 years," noted Lee.

One such member is Rose Lee. She joined as a member nearly 50 years ago, and since then has been a youth fellowship teacher, a member of the women's guild and now works as a church clerk.

But the congregation is changing.

With more and more immigrants gravitating to the church, and less second- and third-generation Chinese members, the crowd has come full cycle, said Lee.

He added, "We're getting more younger families," and these people are less likely to speak English. "My vision is that they be more involved in the community."

The trend is also connected to a larger one within the United Church of Christ, which saw a growth spurt in the 1960s and '70s. With the children of those families breaking off and moving away or joining other religions, generations of families are not remaining as members.

A primary strength of this church, said Lee, is providing a safe-haven for people who are new to the country and less familiar with American culture.

In fact, with members coming from as far away as Walnut Creek and Danville, only about 10 percent of the congregation lives in Berkeley.

The denomination itself is quite liberal. "They're autonomous. They can worship in their own style," said Lee. That also means sermons vary greatly from place to place. Lee strives to teach people faith in their religion, without getting too much into controversial issues that may cause conflict within his group.

And, to become more integrated into the Berkeley community, the church recently opted to join an organization called PICO (Pacific Institute for Community Organizing).

The Berkeley PICO chapter is a relatively new one, so it remains to be seen how it will take hold in the area.

But the mission is clear for PICO director Bonnie Hendricks, who opened the chapter's doors in January this year.

"The faith community in Berkeley doesn't feel like it has a strong voice or like it's taken seriously," she said.

The ultimate goal in part a political one — "to develop the power capacity for ordinary citizens in the faith community," she said.

The organization purports to assist in the building of community organizations by improving the quality of life of families and neighborhoods through leadership training seminars, and by recruiting and developing community organizers.

But what this means may differ place to place.

In Berkeley, Hendricks acknowledged, one purpose is to support various minority groups in the community, hence the racial mix of the 12 churches participating in the group. They are Hispanic, African American, Asian and white, and represent a variety of religions, as well.

She says she will be researching issues that affect Asian immigrants, such as health and ESL.

The Asian community, however, is not known for vocalizing issues particular to them, and both Hendricks and Lee want this to change.

"Asians tend to be much more focused inwardly, on church and on evangelizing to bring more members into the church," she noted.

Lee agrees, saying evangelism is one way that members attract newcomers. By meeting people at malls and other places, he said, certain church members befriend people and later talk to them about joining.

Still, Lee said this isn't his "style" and that evangelizing efforts tend to fall on the side of associate pastor Edwin Mung and individual members — which attests to the autonomy of the Church of Christ.

"I would like this church get more involved in things going on in this area instead of just coming to worship," he said.

Both will have their work cut out for them, since members of the church represent many different cities with only a minority coming from Berkeley. Hendricks conceded that the community she's fighting for and those that Lee's church represents are two different things.

Despite their challenges, the anniversary is still a milestone for this church.

"We have this history of generations past," said Lee. "Some churches (disappear) after only three years."



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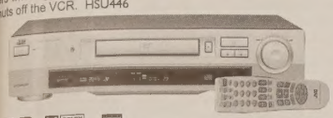
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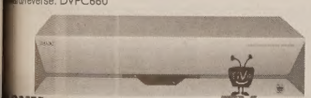
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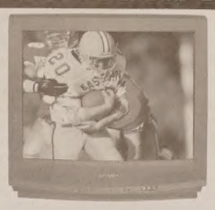


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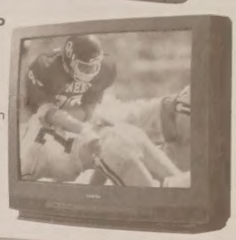
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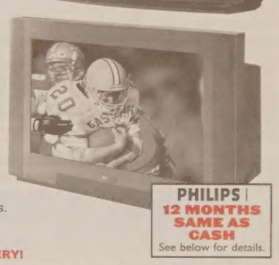
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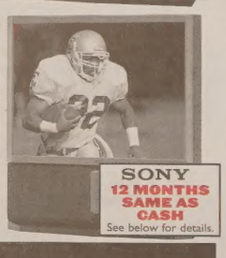


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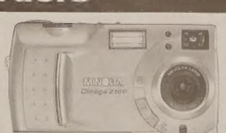
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EL CERRITO PTA NEWS

By Linda Takimoto
CORRESPONDENT

Bayside Council of PTAs

■ Nov 13 – 29, Reflections Fine Arts Program Exhibition, at the Pinole Library on Pinole Valley Road. Reflections is a National PTA sponsored program to support and promote fine arts. This year's theme is "It would be really strange if..." Come and see the students' work during regular library operating hours.

■ Nov 15, Reflections Recognition and Awards Ceremony for participating students and their families and friends. 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Pinole Library.

Adams Middle School

■ Join Adams PTA. Membership fee is only $6. Checks can be payable to "Adams PTA". Mail to Adams PTA, 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805. Please indicate each member's name and the student's name. A PTA Membership dinner will be given on Friday, December 15th in the school gym. Each PTA member will be served a dinner prepared by our student chefs and the following entertainment will be provided by our students: Taiko drums, Steel Pan, Singing, Dancing, Poetry, and a special performance by teachers & staff. Membership forms are available in the office and were mailed home in the PTA newsletter. The membership deadline to be invited to this dinner is November 27, 2000.

■ Nov. 13 - Reports cards will be issued to the students.

■ Nov. 15 - Dance for all students who qualified for the Honor Roll, 2:25 to 3:25, in the gym.

■ Wednesday morning activities: Kumon will be offering math sessions each Wednesday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Scholarships are available. If you are interested, please call the El Cerrito Kumon center at 510-235-8666.

■ eScrip - Adams is enrolled in the eScrip program (ID#4654695). Paper registration forms are available in the main office, call 800-592-0942, or register online at www.escrip.com. The following local merchants participate in the eScrip program: Payless Shoes, Eddie Bauer, Old Navy, Chevron, Cody's Books, Andronicos, and Safeway.

■ Albertson Community Partner Cards - Adams is enrolling in the Albertson's Community Partners Card. It should take 4 to 6 weeks to process the enrollment form.

■ PTA Voice Message Line is 510-464-1360, ext 70 - Call this number to hear about upcoming events, Academy updates, minimum day schedules and special dates.

Castro Elementary

■ Nov 16, Craft Fair planning meeting, 3 p.m. in the library.

■ SCHOOL SITE SUPERVISORS NEEDED: 1 hour daily from noon to 1 p.m.@ $7.50 per hour. Training provided. Call 234-6200 for more information.

■ Fundraisers: Castro is enrolled in eScrip (ID#137627554), Albertson's, Target,and SchoolPop fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Castro when you shop.

El Cerrito High

Nov. 14, PTSA meeting, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in room 812. Please join us. All parents are welcome.

Harding Elementary

Scrip purchases – contact Holly Winter at 525-0273.

After School Classes include tennis, dance and drama. Call the school at 525-0273 or the El Cerrito Community Center for more details.

Kennedy High School

Nov 13, PTSA organizational meeting, 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. A vote to organize a PTSA will be taken. If passed, charter memberships will be collected ($10 for up to two members), and officers will be elected. Nominations for officers are being taken now. Call Marilyn Jamerson at 235-2291 for information.

Portola Middle School

■ Nov. 10, Pizza Night, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Pizza Roma (across the parking lot from the El Cerrito Safeway). Take out or eat in, tell them it's for the school and 25 percent will be given to Portola.

■ Nov. 16, Site Council organizational meeting, 6:15 p.m. in the library. All interested parents are encouraged to attend.

■ Join Portola PTA - $6 per person. Funds are used to supplement student programs and faculty needs. We also encourage you to get involved by volunteering. We look forward to meeting you. Send your check (payable to Portola PTA) to Nancy Toombs, Attn: Portola Membership, 8188 Terrace Dr., El Cerrito 94530. *Teen Center – Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Fee - $6 drop in or $50 monthly. Great activities, trips and special events. Call 215-4370 for more information.

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■ WCCUD Calendar

■ Nov. 10, Verteran's Day holiday.

■ Nov. 13,14 - minimum days for elementary schools.

■ Nov. 23, 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays

■ WCCUSD Board of Education

■ Nov. 15, Meeting at 7 p.m., Kennedy High School in Richmond

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183 or email: ltakimoto@yahoo.com

ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein
CORRESPONDENT

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Cody's is also on eScrip; use your registered credit or ATM cards.

Albany High School

■ Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Ruth Gjerde at ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu

■ SCRIP Orders: If you shop at Safeway or Andronico's, sign up for eScrip by calling 1-800-400-7878 or register online at escrip.com. Old Navy is now available from eScrip. We are currently out of Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782. E-mail Linda at alanhome@lmi.net

■ Nov. 10-11 and 17-18, Fall Theater Ensemble, 8 p.m., AHS Little Theater; two one-act plays directed by Amy Sass, "Alice in Wonderland" and "Offending the Audience." Tickets $7 adults, $5 students/seniors, performance Nov. 19 at 5 p.m.

■ Nov. 13, Site Council Meeting, 6 PM, AHS Office Conference Room

■ Nov. 13, Band Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Band Room

■ Nov. 15, Western Association of School Creditation Focus Group meeting, 2:15-4 p.m., AHS Main Office. For more information call Karen deHart, 559-6641, *4120

■ Nov. 15, Athletic Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AHS Room 37

■ Nov. 21, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room TBA

Albany Middle School

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■ Nov. 14, Parent Ed Evening, "Understanding Your Child's Learning Style (and Perhaps Your Own, as Well)" by Educational Therapist, David Berg, 7:15-8:45 p.m., AMS Library.

You are invited to call David Berg at 510-527-0720 with you questions in advance

■ Nov. 16, AMS Dads' Group Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

Cornell Elementary

■ SCRIP sales: Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878). Andronico's scrip may be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip may be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Berkeley Bowl SCRIP for sale Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:15-8:45, and Wednesday after school.

■ Nov. 21, PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

Marin Elementary School

■ Berkeley Bowl, Ranch 99 Market, Natural Grocery and Andronico's paper SCRIP for sale Monday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 9 and 9:30 to 10 AM. Orders can be placed in office at any time. Albertson's Community Partners Cards available at these times. Safeway, Whole Foods and Andronico's electronic scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878, escrip.com). Marin School ... number is 13695178[illegible]

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■ Nov. 30, PTA Meeting, 1 ... Ocean View Library

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AUSD Board of Education

■ Nov. 14, Regular Meeting ... p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose ...

■ Nov. 28, Regular Meeting ... p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose ...

AUSD Calendar

Nov. 10, Veterans Day ... SCHOOL

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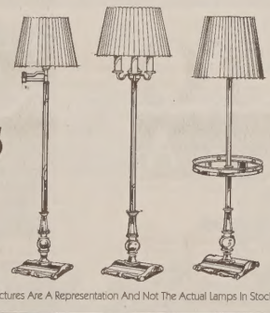
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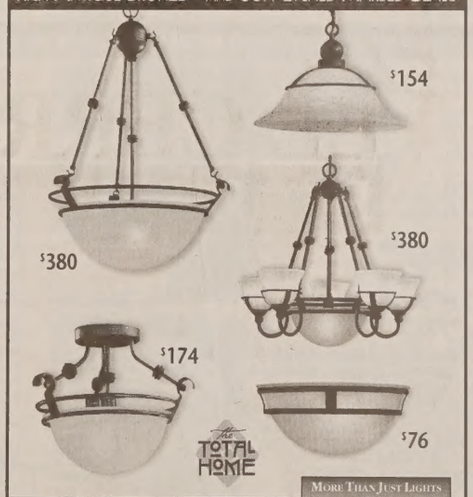
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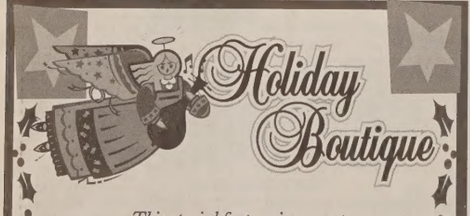
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Library vote disappoints again

By Matt Sebastian
STAFF WRITER

Supporters of a failed bid to raise $60 million in tax funds for Contra Costa's struggling library system say they're done asking county voters to help improve their libraries.

"The people have spoken," said County Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier, who Tuesday watched voters reject the fourth library tax measure in a decade.

Disappointed boosters nonetheless vowed to find other ways to improve Contra Costa's library, which ranks next-to-last in funding in the Bay Area.

"We will not quit trying to raise money for our libraries," said Julie Pierce, co-chairwoman of the tax campaign. "We don't plan to go back to the ballot with this type of measure again, but we have to do something. It's just too important."

Measure L, a one-eighth-cent sales tax, garnered 65.8 percent of the vote Tuesday, coming within about 2,700 votes of the needed two-thirds supermajority. The tax would have infused Contra Costa's library with $10.3 million a year for eight years.

A similar measure failed by less than 3 percent of the vote in 1998, while property tax measures narrowly failed in 1992 and 1994.

Backers of Measure L raised $250,000 and employed armies of volunteers in their effort to sway two-thirds of the county's electorate. In contrast, the tax's most vocal opponent, the Alliance of Contra Costa Taxpayers, raised just $2,500.

Tax opponents were pleased Wednesday with the outcome, but acknowledged there is still work to be done toward restoring the library system.

"Now we can get out of the tax business and on to the solutions business," said Ken Hambrick, alliance chairman. "I think we should all forget our differences and get on with solving these problems."

On Wednesday, the taxpayers alliance challenged the Board of Supervisors to take a number of steps to improve the library without rais-

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from co-workers who helped distribute 5,000 fliers last weekend, from former mayors Ruth Ganong and Joyce Jackson, and from his mother and campaign manager, Suzanne Conrad.

"Of course, I'm really happy and proud," said Conrad, adding she was "astounded" at the number of people who showed up at the polls Tuesday.

She was not the only person wowed by widespread voter turnout. In fact, county-wide, it was the highest residents have seen in decades.

In Albany alone, according to secretary Winifred Cameron at the county registrar's office, 6,084 of the 9,281 the city's registered voters have been counted — or more than 73 percent.

"We've never had such long lines," said County registrar's office supervisor Sandy Creque. "I was here for Nixon-Kennedy. It was nothing like last night."

The final election count may not be out until as late as Monday, said Creque.

Council members voted to add the two-year seat to the ballot last July, after Councilman Ed McManus announced he would be resigning midterm.

In addition, the council will see another new face next year.

The three no-contest four-year seats on the City Council will go to two incumbents — mayor Jon Ely and council member Peggy Thomsen — and to newcomer Jewel Okawachi.

Okawachi, who ran unsuccessfully as a write-in for the school board in 1996, garnered the majority of support, with 3,674 votes.

Her name has become widely known in Albany over the years, where she raised a family and ran a business for 27 years.

She gained local experience as a founding member of the Albany Education Foundation and as the chair for Albany Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Council. Okawachi has also been involved with the Albany Chamber of Commerce, Police Activities League, Albany School Board, Albany Education Foundation, Albany Coalition of Teens and the Albany Senior Center.

One group, at least, will have to go without her participation. Okawachi said she "will drop out of Parks and Recreation, to avoid a conflict of interest."

Among the issues she's eager to attack are seeking grants to attract new businesses to the area. "There have to be some resources," she said.

In the future, she also plans to focus on development along the Eastshore Highway frontage road.

School board race

The Albany school board race for two four-year seats also saw a decisive victory, with newcomer Owen T. Jones winning 3,181 of the vote, or 40.7 percent. The other seat went to board president Bill Cain, who received 2,794 votes.

Board member Owen H. Jones, the other incumbent up for reelection, fell short, finishing third with 1,823 votes.

Cain said, "I'm excited about being able to continue the work I started four years ago, and I look forward to working very hard on the standards for students in the next four years."

Cain credits with running "a very effective and aggressive campaign" that paid off with the highest number of votes and the other seat on the board.

An oft-repeated goal of Cain's is to improve communication both with parents in the community and with the City Council.

The first item he says can be done with providing people with "an informal setting where there's a chance for dialogue," away from board meetings. As for the council, he suggests that all the members of both bodies meet regularly, not just the mayor, vice mayor, board president and vice president, as is the current tradition.

As for Owen T. Jones, he says his support has been built over many years of activism in the schools.

His current plan is to meeting with board members and schools Superintendent Gary Mills to better familiarize himself with the position, as well as attending a statewide conference for newcomers at the end of the month.

Jones estimated he raised $3,000 during his campaign. The money that was not spent will go to the Albany Education Foundation, of which he is the vice president.

Meanwhile, Owen H. Jones, the "other Owen," said he will spend his remaining months on the board

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"making sure funding is divided equally between low achievers and high achievers" in schools.

He points to several accomplishments to which he has contributed in the past four years, such as fighting to retrofit and construct schools, electing Mills as the district's new superintendent, as well as with issues that divided board members, such as rebuilding the Albany Teen Center and hiring a Student Resource Officer.

Measure N passes

Albany voters overwhelmingly passed Measure N, an $18 increase in the annual emergency medical services tax, when they went to the polls this month.

The measure will raise their yearly tax, which pays for city-run ambulance and paramedic services, $18. This brings it from $30.84 per household to $48.84.

The measure passed with 4,684 votes, or nearly 78 percent.

The money will fund training for the majority of members of the fire department to become paramedics, as well as providing additional funding for a new ambulance every six years. Because many staff members will be bumped up on the salary scale as a result, a portion of the funding will also go toward maintaining higher salaries.

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Susan

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As such, Butsch became instrumental in revamping Albany Middle School's math program to allow for less homogeneous grouping.

AMS teacher Jack McFarland became particularly close to Butsch through such extra-curricular activities as taking their students to Yosemite several times over the years.

Much of her fighting nature came out during her two-year stint as vice president of the Albany Teachers Association, when McFarland was president. During that time she fought for issues that still resonate today: class size reduction, salary issues and teacher retention.

But, as he recalled, she challenged her own side of the negotiating team, as well. "She wanted to make sure that everybody was treated fairly," he said.

Janet Teel, another AMS teacher who became best friends with Butsch over the years, shared the sentiment. "One of the things I most admired about Susan was her sense of fairness, and the way she stood by her convictions," she said.

But there was also a creative side to the teacher, as she proved by becoming the creator of the school's popular Renaissance Fair, which has become an regular event.

Teel shared with friends and family some additional memories of her friend: "Listening to jazz in New Orleans, seeing "Miss Saigon" on Broadway, snorkeling at Hanauma Bay in Hawaii, and — oh yes — attending educational seminars in between."

But one that most spoke to Butsch's sense of fairness was of a time in 1986 when Teel learned she was to lose her position due to declining enrollment and faced being transferred to another school.

"When she heard about this she was so angry, because she was hired months after me," said Teel. "She said, 'I'm the one that should lose my job, not you,'" and took a position at a different grade level so that Teel could keep her position.

At times, she raised important questions in the district that otherwise might have been overlooked.

"For instance, said McFarland, after the 1989 earthquake, people generally assumed classes would be held the next day, including teachers commuting in from places like Oakland.

Except Butsch.

"She said, 'I'm not sure all these schools have been inspected.' We had an emergency meeting right away," said McFarland.

Butsch was diagnosed two years ago with a particularly aggressive kind of lymphoma, cancer of the lymph system. It is routinely treated with chemotherapy and radiation, as well as marrow transplants for cases that don't respond to other treatment.

About a year ago the community had a chance to give back to Butsch when colleagues held a bone marrow drive through the school as a last chance to cure her. Although the effort turned out to be unsuccessful, those who were close to her are still grateful to the some 250 people who showed up hoping for a match.

Teel said that the drive brought about a strong sense of connection among friends, colleagues and acquaintances of Butsch, saying people continue calling the school asking how they can help her family.

Despite aggressive treatments more than a year ago that eliminated much of the cancer in her body, the chaplain at Alta Bates Medical Center in Berkeley rushed to Butsch's hospital bed four different times to deliver the last rites.

As increasing weakness limited her to short visits with friends, she took the chance to reevaluate her priorities in life and decided to spend more time with her family. That last message that was written down as a reminder to her friends at her memorial service. Even three weeks before she died, Butsch was able to take a trip to Monterey with her family. They were planning a train trip to Santa Barbara, but she was too weak to make it. "Throughout her illness her attitude was one of determination and optimism," Teel said.

Despite her absence from the school for nearly two years, the news hit hard among students at Albany Middle School.

In a tribute to Butsch, one of her former students, Amy Johnson, recalled happier moments of her teacher. "I remember being 13, bright-eyed and eager to learn pre-algebra from the tall, blond seventh-grade teacher who drove a sporty, red CRX," she said.

Years later Johnson began babysitting for Butsch, saying her favorite memories were of the couple after they returned home at night. "I remember talking about first jobs... When I began applying for college, she would tell me stories about living in the dorms at Western Washington University. To me, her life was as charmed as a fairy tale," she said.

In her memory, the Susan Butsch Memorial Fund has been created. Money will be used to purchase books for the school library and materials for the seventh-grade Renaissance Faire.

Butsch is also survived by her son, Bradley Watterud, her parents, Pat and Joe Butsch, who live in Vancouver, Wash., her brother Ed Butsch, and her sisters, Janice Voukidis and Karen Howard.

"It was through her battle with cancer that the true fighting spirit of Susan came to the front," said school colleague Robin Davis. "Her courage and spirit became a lesson for all of us."

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Consider hiring a private management firm to run the system, as has been done successfully in Riverside County.

Mobilize the public in an effort to convince the state to return millions of tax dollars diverted from Contra Costa since the state shifted tax revenues in the early 1990s.

Allocate funds from the county's $200 million supplemental budget for the library. Officials have resisted doing this, saying the money is set aside for vital programs.

Use volunteers for any task that doesn't require a trained librarian, and consider cutting the size of the system's paid administration.

Such suggestions are worth exploring, said DeSaulnier, who plans to request a meeting with the Measure L opponents to discuss the alliance's ideas.

DeSaulnier also said he wants to work with Supervisor John Gioia on a proposal to increase funding from the county and the cities that are home to the library's 23 branches. Currently, the county library operates with a $14.2 million budget.

"We're not going to be able to come up with $10 million (more), but we can start looking at the system to find the best way to at least maintain the libraries and, where we can, improve them," DeSaulnier said.

If it had been approved, Measure L would have doubled the amount of money spent on books and materials and kept branches open longer. It also would have paid for a new bookmobile, carpeting, an adult literacy program and expanded children's services.

Organizers were crestfallen Wednesday at the outcome of their yearlong campaign. But, they acknowledged, they faced a tough battle from the start.

"Getting two-thirds of the vote is just a Herculean task," said Amy Worth, co-chairwoman of the Measure L campaign. "We had the challenge of pushing this huge rock up a hill, and all the opposition had to do was blow a feather off a table."

Pierce said the defeat should inspire local leaders to push for legislation similar to Proposition 39, a measure approved by California voters Tuesday that lowers the approval margin for school bond measures from two-thirds to 55 percent.

"It's just a shame that a minority of voters can defeat something like this, depriving their community of adequate libraries," Pierce said. "We may be disappointed, but we are not defeated. We will find another way to fund our libraries."

Schools

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schools in serious disrepair. Eight elementary schools are in such bad shape that a consultant has recommended replacing them.

But the $150 million won't come close to repairing all the leaky roofs, dry rot, faulty electrical systems and other facilities problems in the 33,000-student district and building enough classrooms to accommodate a projected 12 percent enrollment jump in the next decade.

Officials figure the price tag on needed construction over the next 10 years is $500 million.

They hope to leverage the bond money for at least another $80 million in state and federal funds. That means hiring architects, taking out the first $15 million in bonds and laying out projects on a short schedule.

Construction funds from a $9.2 billion state bond measure have dwindled to $1.3 billion. Projects that don't get funded before the money runs out will likely be first in line for the next batch of state school construction money, said Aquacena Lopez, the district's bond consultant.

"If you're not in line, you can miss out," she said.

Trustees first must decide on a community oversight committee to help recommend projects, under the terms of Measure M. School board President Glen Price said he would like to see the committee made up of teachers, administrators, support staff and representatives of cities and community groups with a stake in the funding.

"People will have to rise above provincial interests and look at the greater need," Price said.

Kilmartin said he will submit a proposal in December or January for phasing in the work. In a draft plan, Montalvin Manor and Hercules elementary schools top the list for replacement. Verde, Harding, Peres, Downer and El Sobrante elementary would be first in line for repairs.

At Montalvin Manor, Principal Iris Travis-Dillahunty said water seeps through the roof and floor in heavy rains, and classes and supplies are squeezed into every spare space. She said the school is still functional, but the 35-year-old building was not built for today's increased demands for after-school programs and classrooms.

Replacing the school "will help to give more room and space to do the job we know we want to with our students," said Travis-Dillahunty.

Hercules Elementary consists entirely of portables built up to 35 years ago. But so does Ohlone, also in Hercules, and the last school slated to be replaced on the proposed schedule.

MEASURE M

A draft of proposed phases for spending the $150 million in Measure M bond funds on elementary school construction projects in the West Contra Costa school district:

Phase 1 Replace Hercules and Montalvin Repair Downer, El Sobrante, Harding, Peres and Verde

Phase 2 Replace Lake and Nystrom

Build an elementary school

Repair Castro, Collins, Dover, Ellerhorst, Ford, Grant, King, Mira Vista, Riverside and Washington

Phase 3 Replace Bayview and Coronado

Build an elementary school

Repair Fairmont, Madera, Murphy, Olinda, Seaview, Stewart, Valley View and Wilson

Phase 4 Replace Ohlone Build an elementary school

Repair Highland, Kensington, Lincoln, Shannon, Sheldon, Stege and Tara Hills

Some modernization work at Chavez and Hanna Ranch

SOURCE: WEST CONTRA COSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Crime

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broke into several storage lockers. The thief also broke into the caller's black '89 Honda Accord. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 2 a.m. on Nov. 3 officers stopped a gray '83 Honda Accord near San Pablo and Portland Avenues for driving without the headlights on. The driver, a 19-year-old Oakland man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released when sober.

■ On the morning of Nov. 3 officers stopped a gold '83 Pontiac for a vehicle code violation near Brighton and Kains avenues. The driver, a 31-year-old Oakland man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Alameda County for vehicle code violations. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of Nov. 3 a resident on the 800 block of Adams Street reported that vandals had broken plant holders on his front porch and also tagged his rear fence. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Nov. 3 officers stopped a white '82 Volvo near the Buchanan interchange for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 37-year-old Oakland man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Berkeley for Failure to Appear. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 officers responded to the 900 block of Ventura Avenue when a resident there reported being frightened because a light was on in the back of her house. Officers contacted a 23-year-old Berkeley man who was in violation of a court order to stay away from the house. He was arrested and transported to the Santa Rita jail.

■ Shortly before midnight on Nov. 3 a resident on the 1000 block of Ramona Avenue reported that he had observed a suspicious man walking up the driveway of his neighbor's home. The neighbor had a restraining order against the man and had reported earlier in the day that the man had threatened to harm her that night. Officers contacted the 30-year-old Albany man on the woman's property. He was also found to be on probation for violating the restraining order. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ At about 1 a.m. on Nov. 4 officers responded to the 800 block of Carmel Avenue on reports of a woman screaming for help. Upon arrival officers found a domestic dispute in progress and the man had placed the woman under Citizen's Arrest. The 24-year-old woman had received minor injuries and the 21-year-old man had received scratches to his hands. Officers found that the man had an outstanding $10,000 warrant from Albany for battery. The man was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail. The woman was issued a citation.

■ At about 5 p.m. on Nov. 4 officers observed a 16-year-old Albany boy on the 1100 block of Key Route Boulevard who was known to have a No Bail warrant out of Contra Costa County. He was arrested and transported to Juvenile Hall.

■ On the evening of Nov. 4 an Albany resident reported that thieves had stolen his sky blue GT bike that was locked to a pole on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

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Pet grooming provides a healthy, healing touch

By Nancy DuPont

Samuel Ramirez clients like to call him the "Dog Whisperer" for his talent in handling and communicating with animals.

'I am somewhat of a perfectionist, and focused in whatever I do," said Ramirez as he describes his twenty years at the Woodminster Veterinary Hospital.

"During all the years I have been assisting Dr. Cesafsky, I have learned to observe each animal and what to watch for to insure a pet's health. I have taken this experience back with me to my work at the grooming table."

There is more to being a groomer than simply brushing a pet and Ramirez proves it by telling about his observations.

"There are many things as a groomer I am able to recognize," said Ramirez, "such as skin diseases, dermatitis, allergies, hot spots and even more serious afflictions such as mange. As I brush, I check for lumps and tumors and check ears for ear infections or mites. I carefully check the gums and teeth for gingivitis or any sign of gum disease."

"Once I had a Terrier named Oscar who hated to be groomed. He would snap and bite if you touched him in certain places. I was very careful with him and knew exactly where I could touch him without being bitten. I do not like using a muzzle because it frightens them even more and destroys any sense of bonding with them.

"When I ran my hand down his leg I felt a lump, which turned out to be cancer. This was a big part of why he didn't want to be touched. His leg had to amputated but he lived to be a ripe old age, running around on three legs. I feel good about being the one who helped save his life!"

"I live in Piedmont now but I was born in San Francisco where my father was a chemist, and my mother owned a beauty shop, and they were Real Estate developers. I learned to appreciate both interests, which gave me the versatility I needed to play percussions and business acumen to invest in real estate. I am a member of the Bay Area Musicians Association and I have had the pleasure of working with Carlos Santana, Mickey Hart and M.C. Hammer. I also do television commercials."

"It was my love of animals that led me to learn about pet grooming," said Ramirez of his chosen profession. "I was so focused that after only six months of learning, I won third place in The Northern California Grooming competition."

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Making a commitment to kids

A trip to summer camp is the latest goal for real estate agent mentoring inner city students

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

Diane Mintz is at it again.

For years, the Berkeley real estate agent has been tutoring kids from Coronado School in Richmond, bringing them on field trips and, most recently, raising money to send a group of 8- to 10-year-olds to summer camp. Only this time, her stakes have risen much higher.

"I'm trying to raise money for next summer to send 400 children to camp," she said. "That's a tall order."

That's Camp Lomamar, a YMCA Camp 10 miles east of Pescadero, where Coronado fourth-graders spent a week last summer. If successful, it will cost more than triple what she helped raise to send 80 kids this year. At $250 a pop, that amounts to $100,000 to send nearly the entire school, assuming that about 50 students won't be able to go.

Since Mintz moved to Berkeley in 1962, she has spent much of her time raising a family and working as a real estate agent for a small real estate company, Marvin Gardens.

Volunteering with school kids was never meant to take up so much of her time.

When her own children left for college several years ago, Mintz trained to act as a court-appointed advocate in Richmond-area court cases. Tutoring, however, began to appeal to her more because it didn't require the on-going commitment.

Or so she thought.

"When you meet a 6- or 7-year-old in the first grade, you can't just walk away. I got hooked," she said.

She began first by tutoring children at the school once a week, then offering to take a couple fourth graders places they wouldn't otherwise be able to go — to Tilden Park, or Chabot Park in Oakland.

The school sits just past the Easter Hill housing project, near Cutting Boulevard and 23rd. One of the striking things about the neighborhood is the close proximity of wealthy and poverty in the area.

According to state data, 90 percent of Coronado students qualify for federal lunch subsidies. In addition, they scored in the bottom half of the statewide STAR testing program in both 1998 and 1999. (This year, however, he school is being lauded by the state for making progress in non-academic areas that support adults in the community as well as students. It was one of two schools that state superintendent of public instruction Delaine Eastin visited Coronado this week to recognize its efforts to create quality extra-curricular activities. Eastin joined in an open house where teachers, students and parents celebrated a new Parent Center. Currently, the school offers daily after-school sports activities and computer labs two afternoons a week. Future plans for the school include Spanish and English GED certification courses for community members and more extra-curricular art programs.)

Many Coronado students live in housing projects in high-crime areas and have never been out of the Richmond area. When the project was featured recently on a National Public Radio program, one child noted that when camping with Mintz she never heard gunshots.

Though her involvement with the school has varied over the years, she has maintained contact with her original class. Wednesdays, she picks up a group of girls from Richmond's Windmill Gymnastics and takes them to her house for dinner. Afterwards, she helps them with their homework.

As her efforts expanded, she found herself juggling work with students. Last year alone, she spent thousands of her own dollars on the children taking them on field trips, buying meals and paying for gymnastics lessons.

She usually takes a small group of kids whose families either aren't intact or simply can't afford it. But the camping experience is different. Now that the experience has been a success, she doesn't want to exclude students of other ages.

Some Coronado teachers have noticed a raise in her group's self-esteem, and Mintz says this factor alone will provide them more aware opportunities in the future.

The project had a growth spurt last year when Camp Lomamar agreed to take on 80 campers for half-price. It was up to others to raise the other half, or about $30,000. Teachers combined forces with Mintz by sending letters to friends and colleagues.

"When Diane calls, I pop a check in the mail," said Nancy Miller. She is a co-owner of Berkeley Hills Realty, and one of several members of the agency to volunteer at Coronado as a "book buddy."

The small, independent real estate agencies in the Berkeley and Albany area have a network when it comes to contributing to causes. So it was unusual when Mintz showed up one day last year with a petition seeking contributions to the camping fund.

The agency removes a portion from every escrow for a pot that goes to various homeless and education donations. This year a small amount went to the camp and to school books.

Miller, who also has a lifetime teaching credential, said, "I admire very much what (Mintz) is doing. We support each other a lot."

Coronado Principal Linda Jackson has also hailed her contributions over the years and says she hopes they continue.



STEVE MASLANKA

AT A BIRTHDAY PARTY for Shenita Walton, 9, center, Diane Mintz, left, and Kenny Wilcots watched as she opened presents at Mintz's home in Berkeley.

Still, if there's anything Mintz doesn't want, it's to be viewed as a middle-aged lady with time on her hands. In fact, she is back to working full-time after relinquishing a portion of her work hours over the summer during the Y project.

In addition, she has not been holding the fort down alone. Last summer, for instance, the fund-raising got off the ground with the help of Josh Klein, a Richmond resident and former Americorps worker, as well as other volunteers.

But now the project has taken on proportions perhaps beyond what she can handle alone.

"I work full time and have a mother with Alzeimer's (Disease). I don't have any employees. It's just me," she said.

The next step will be finding a way to keep the project going, possibly by setting up a foundation or through grants.

Mintz conceded she has not yet found an appropriate grant for her project.

"We're always assuming a certain percentage of the population will be at the bottom, economically, and that may be the case," said Miller.

"The case I'm making is that when we write those people off, we're also writing off children who have had no opportunity to make choices."

How you can help

Readers who want to help send one or more children to camp next summer can help with a financial contribution. Checks are tax deductible and should be made out to Bay Area Community Resources and sent to Diane Mintz, 1457 Cornell Ave., Berkeley 94702.

Bootery

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I may not be alive."

Ricker said he has owned the store since the early 1960s but has never been involved in its day-to-day operations. Paul Sorenson, a long-time manager of the store, left about seven months ago and now lives in Kansas. Ricker owns and operates another junior bootery store in Santa Rosa.

Paulina Klimas-Downing has worked at McPhee's for a year and a half. She is one of two full-time employees who will be out of a job when the store closes. Klimas-Downing said she is planning on a trip to Poland and then will find work closer to home in Pittsburg.

"We provide the services that no one else does," Klimas-Downing said when asked what makes McPhee's special. "We make sure they get the right shoe. Not just how it looks, but that it feels good on their feet."

"It's been so much fun," she said of her time at McPhee's. "It's been more than just work — we're friends, all of us."

Klimas-Down[illegible] closing has br[illegible] ments fr[illegible] [illegible] to McPhee's [illegible] now bringing their children, even grandchildren, in for [illegible]tings.

"They're sad; they're [illegible] they're upset. Some [illegible]

Ilene Y[illegible] 5 ye[illegible] from [illegible] n't know it wa[illegible] ran in to get rai[illegible] quitting business sign and [illegible] shocked," she said.

"They really like kids; the[illegible] do," Yasemsky said of the [illegible] staff. "It's a kids' [illegible] got [illegible] ence [illegible] friend[illegible]

The s[illegible] six [illegible] ness sale

"We're selling out to [illegible] owner Ricker said about [illegible] last sale. "I'm c[illegible] shoes."

Project

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bers of the community, but he emphasized repeatedly that the development remains "market driven."

Baer said that his company is willing to increase retail space farther up Schmidt Lane, but only if the market supports it. "Even if you show me a report," he said at one point in the meeting, "even if the report comes back and says you've got 20,000 feet of retail there, I'm not going to build 20,000 feet of retail unless I have a tenant. It's too much risk for me to take."

"Let me tell you what we are willing to do and what we can't do — what we're not prepared to do," Baer said in response to a question by EDB member Denise Navellier about the possibility of extending re[illegible] farther east on Schmidt Lane.

"The economics of comme[illegible] development are that retail a[illegible] fice make us more money on [illegible] foot basis than apartments do," said. "However, retail and office a much higher risk factor [illegible] if you have a vacancy, you [illegible] a very difficult time filling [illegible] added. "If the market isn't su[illegible] ing your retail or your office, [illegible] going to have a space and you [illegible] just keep dropping the price.

"It's market driven in how much square footage [illegible] ing to commit to," Baer said, [illegible] that his company is not willing [illegible] compete with the shopping [illegible] immediately south of the old [illegible] lumber site. "The issue i[illegible] want to compete with [illegible] shopping center); we wa[illegible] plement it."

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DENNIS EVANOSKY

ENJOY A TASTE OF THE COTSWOLDS in the Oakland hills. The home at 5038 Chocrane Ave. is an excellent example of a historic style known as the Cotswold Cottage.

A taste of the Cotswolds

By Dennis Evanosky
SECTION EDITOR

A prominent range of limestone hills, known as the Cotswolds, runs over 50 miles in a northeasterly direction from the resort town of Bath in the English Midlands to the area around Cirencester. The hills rise to almost 1,100 feet above the sea at a place with the enchanting name Cleeve Cloud.

The thin soil that clings to these hills makes farming difficult, but beginning in the 12th century residents found the stony ground ideal for grazing sheep, one of Medieval England's most productive animals. While wool engendered the wealth that allowed the building of majestic churches and opulent town houses in the Cotswolds, limestone helped make the landscape with its villages, barns and houses so picturesque. Builders used Cotswold limestone to construct edifices as magnificent as St. Paul's Cathedral in London — whose waterway, the Thames, begins life as a muddy pool here three miles south of Cirencester.

The further north one follows the Cotswolds and the nearer one comes to villages like Sherborne, Northleach and Bilbury, the more artistic the villages become. The limestone here warms to a

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'Piggyback' loans can be family seconds

Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

Like most people, we may never have been first time homebuyers if Scott's dad hadn't "given us a gift" of the 10 percent down payment. Even then, we needed a 90 day escrow to save up dollars for the closing costs. Considering that the year was 1977 and our first purchase was an $82,000 home in the Montclair District of Oakland, at the time it seemed like a huge undertaking.

In those days we called it a "silent second." Later, about a month after the close of escrow, we recorded a $9,000 second trust deed in the parents behalf.

It has become very common for a close relative to help out a starting homebuyer. But instead of the traditional "gift funds" lending institutions are recognizing the truth of the situation and allowing borrowers to qualify for both of their loans up front, in front of God and everybody.

But there are some notable conditions to the relative lending madness.

The lending institution of the first loan may put restrictions on the way the second note can be written as to amortization and interest rate and have maximum combined loan to values requirements.

Washington Mutual, famous for their Option ARM (Adjustable Rate Mortgage), will only allow a combined loan to value of 90 percent, usually in the form of an 80-10-10 (10 percent down to an 80 percent first trust deed and a 10 percent second trust deed.).

Downey Savings and Loan will allow up to a 95 percent combined loan to value, but only in conjunction with one portfolio (loans that they service and do not sell on the secondary market) loan product, an ARM that has no potential for negative amortization.

Countrywide Home Loans will allow private money seconds with combined loan to value to 100 percent on the loan products that qualify for its 100 percent piggyback mortgages as long as the first trust deed does not exceed 80 percent loan to value. However, family-made second trust deeds are scrutinized closely and must fall within their own second trust deed guidelines.

Nearly all of our sub-prime lenders will allow a private money second trust deed to 100 percent as well.

There are obvious advantages to the family member making the loan.

The institutional lender will review the note and deed of trust and make sure everything is legal and that the loan is recorded in second position as part of the transaction. The minimum requirements for the note is that it be written

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THE COTSWOLD COTTAGE transplanted into the Oakland hills boasts a fabulous kitchen, left, with cherry wood cabinets and granite counters. A cathedral ceiling accents the living room, right

House

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brownish hue, its tones friendlier than the gray stone that is found in the southern Cotswolds. The stone in the north also softens making it easier to carve and more useful for building.

One finds the stone in such attractions as the gravestone for the cat "Tiddles" in a Fairfax graveyard, the low stone bridge over the river Eye and the stone crosses — like the one at Stanton — that grace so many town squares.

Stone carvers fashioned the stone gargoyles that haunt the church in Winchcombe — with their mixture of pagan and animal gods, fertility figures, and human faces — out of this warm brown stone. But what draws the eye the most are the houses.

The symmetry and dressed stone of the wealthy Georgian wool merchants mingle with the asymmetrical and odd-shaped stones of nearby cottages.

One can enjoy a taste of the Cotswolds in the Oakland hills. The home at 5038 Chocrane Ave. "is an excellent example of a historic style known as the Cotswold Cottage," says writer and architectural historian Mark Wilson.

He points out several of the homes distinguishing features: the half-timbering on the west end, a wide oriel bay window and an overhang above the first floor. Pent eaves lend the gables their distinctive look and slate tiles grace the roof.

The home also boasts a sophisticated wide "bowed" or curved bay window to the left of the front door. Wilson says that one finds this feature only in the larger, fancier versions of Cotswold Cottages. Even the garage lends the residence period character, according to Wilson.

The building's "high-peaked gable and half-timbered wall area lends the garage the appearance of a small outbuilding, something commonly found in 16th to 18th century homes in the region."

A home office above and a wine cellar below round out the two-car detached garage.

The home has five spacious bedrooms and three bathrooms. The master suite includes a luxurious private bath with limestone finishes and a spa.

The living room boasts a cathedral ceiling and a fireplace. Boxed beam ceilings complement the dining room with its French doors that lead to the garden.

A fabulous kitchen — with cherry wood cabinets, granite counters, a built-in desk and eating area — also opens out into the garden through French doors.

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A. Credit bureaus collect and sell ...basic types of information.

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Payment history

Your accounts with different cred- ...ors are listed, showing how much ...dit has been extended and ...ether you've paid on time. Related ...ords, such as referral of an over- ...due account to a collection agency, ...so be noted.

Inquiries

Credit Reporting Agencies must ...ntain a record of all creditors who ...e asked for your credit history ...ithin the past year, and a record of ...hose persons or businesses request- ...ed your credit history for employ- ...ment purposes for the past two years.

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Improving Your Credit Report

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In addition to providing your com- ...plete name and address, your letter ...should clearly identify each item in ...your report you dispute, state the ...facts and explain why you dispute ...the information, and request dele- ...tion or correction.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to dispute the follow- ...ing information in my file. The items ...I dispute also are encircled on the at- ...tached copy of the report I received.

This item (identify item(s) dis- ...puted by name of source, such as ...creditors or tax court, and identify ...type of item, such as credit account, ...judgment, etc.) is (inaccurate or in- ...complete) because (describe what is ...inaccurate or incomplete and why). ...I am requesting that the item be ...deleted (or request another specific ...change) to correct the information.

Enclosed are copies of (use this ...sentence if applicable and describe ...any enclosed documentation, such ...as payment records, court docu- ...ments) supporting my position. ...Please reinvestigate this (these) mat- ...ter(s) and (delete or correct) the dis- ...puted item(s) as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Your name

Credit Reporting Agencies must ...reinvestigate the item(s) in ques- ...tion—usually within 30 days—unless ...they consider your dispute frivolous. ...They also must forward all relevant ...data you provide about the dispute ...to the information provider.

After the information provider re- ...ceives notice of a dispute from the ...Credit Reporting Agency, it must in- ...vestigate, review all relevant infor- ...mation provided by the Credit Re- ...porting Agency, and report the ...results to the Credit Reporting ...Agency. If the information provider ...finds the disputed information to be ...inaccurate, it must notify all nation- ...wide Credit Reporting Agencies so ...that they can correct this informa- ...tion in your file.

Disputed information that cannot ...be verified must be deleted from your ...file. If your report contains inaccu- ...rate information, the Credit Report- ...ing Agency must correct it.

If an item is incomplete, the Credit ...Reporting Agency must complete it. ...For example, if your file showed that ...you were late making payments, but ...failed to show that you were no ...longer delinquent, the Credit Re- ...porting Agency must show that your ...payments are now current. If your ...file shows an account that belongs to ...another, it must be deleted.

When the reinvestigation is com- ...plete, the Credit Reporting Agency ...must give you the written results and ...a free copy of your report if the dis- ...pute results in a change.

If an item is changed or removed, ...the Credit Reporting Agency cannot ...put the disputed information back in ...your file unless the information ...provider verifies its accuracy and ...completeness, and the Credit Re- ...porting Agency gives you a written ...notice of its intent to reinsert the ...items that includes the name, address, ...and phone number of the provider.

If you request, the Credit Report- ...ing Agency must send notices of any ...correction to anyone who received ...your report in the past six months. ...You can have a corrected copy of your ...report sent to anyone who received ...a copy during the past two years for ...employment purposes. If a reinvesti- ...gation does not resolve your dispute, ...ask the Credit Reporting Agency to ...include your statement of the dispute ...in your file and in future reports.

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Many providers specify an address ...for disputes. If the provider contin- ...ues to report the disputed item to any ...Credit Reporting Agency after re- ...ceiving your notice, it must include a ...notice that you dispute the item. If ...you are correct—that is, if the infor- ...mation is not accurate—the informa- ...tion provider may not report it again.

Accurate Negative Information

When negative information in your ...report is accurate, only the passage of ...time can assure its removal. Accurate ...negative information generally can ...stay on your report for seven years. ...There are certain exceptions:

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Under the Credit Reporting ...Agency, the January and May late pay- ...ments each can be reported for seven ...years. The collection activity and the ...charge to profit and loss can be re- ...ported for seven years from the date ...of the September payment, which ...was the delinquency that occurred im- ...mediately before those activities.

Adding Accounts

Your credit file may not reflect all ...your credit accounts. Although most ...national department store and all-pur- ...pose bank credit card accounts will ...be included in your file, not all cred- ...itors supply information to Credit Re- ...porting Agencies: Some travel, en- ...tertainment, gasoline card companies, ...local retailers, and credit unions are ...among those creditors that don't.

If you've been told that you were ...denied credit because of an "insuffi- ...cient credit file" or "no credit file" ...and you have accounts with credi- ...tors that don't appear in your credit ...file, ask the Credit Reporting Agency ...to add this information to future re- ...ports. Although they are not required ...to do so, many Credit Reporting ...Agencies will add verifiable accounts ...for a fee. However, if these creditors ...do not report to the Credit Report- ...ing Agency on a regular basis, the ...added items will not be updated.

Dealing with Debt

Are you having trouble paying ...your bills? Are you getting dunning ...notices from creditors? Are your ac- ...counts being turned over to debt col- ...lectors? Are you worried about los- ...ing your home or your car?

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If you or someone you know is in ...financial hot water, consider these op- ...tions: realistic budgeting, credit coun- ...seling from a reputable organization, ...debt consolidation, or bankruptcy. ...How do you know which will work ...best for you? It depends on your level ...of debt, your level of discipline, and ...your prospects for the future.

Things going bump in the night

No. 343 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Friends of ours who recently moved into a Montclair rental house began their tenancy with a spider problem. The telephone man had come to hook up their phone line but when he approached the phone box on the side of the house, he stopped cold. "I can't do it," he said. "We've been warned about Brown Recluse spiders, and there is one!"

The lady of the house wanted her phone. She swept the spider down, stomped on it, buried the body, and persuaded the phone man that the danger was past. She got her phone.

When she found another spider the next day, which seemed to be like the first one, she called an entomologist at U.C. Berkeley. The spider man said that Brown Recluse spiders are poisonous and should be avoided, but that they are shy and in short supply. Probably her spiders were some other type. She tried to forget them.

Then, a week or so after the spider incident, she called us to report another problem. She and her family were hearing scrabbling and loud scratching in the walls at night. Some kind of animal was obviously in the house, but what kind? Whom should the landlord call?

From the description, it sounded like a fairly good sized animal, maybe a raccoon or opossum, so we suggested assistance from the pest trapper people.

Several years ago when we noticed an unpleasant odor at Anet's house in Rockridge, we'd called the pest trappers who sent out a man to investigate. He quickly identified the source of the problem, a large raccoon, unfortunately dead under the house.

The man removed it and, having a little time to spare, he sat at Anet's piano and played for us some quite good music he'd written himself. He was a song writer who traps animals on the side.

Too bad, it wasn't the piano player who was sent to our friends' house. The man who did come said there was nothing he could do. After looking around, he said that the night noises were coming from something smaller than a raccoon, opossum, or skunk. They'd have to call someone else — he doesn't "do" rats.

Rats! How icky. The rat people were called immediately. The guy who came advised cutting back ivy on the side of the house and closing up holes in the siding. He set some large traps baited with peanut butter in the attic and went away.

In the middle of that night a loud clap was heard followed by scraping and thunking, then nothing.

Examination of the attic the next morning revealed that one trap was missing. The exterminators said that a rat must have dragged the trap away, probably to somewhere in the walls. Nothing to do but wait.

That was about a week ago. At least it is silent at night now. But there is a bad smell in the house.

Without tearing up floors and opening walls, again there is nothing to do. Supposedly the smell will go away before long.

Thankfully, I've never had rats. At least I don't think I've had. We have had at my house in lower Montclair skunks, raccoons, deer, and recently, for the first time, one lone opossum who comes to the patio outside the kitchen most nights. He doesn't do anything; he just walks around, then leaves.

Same with the skunks.

The raccoons seem to be the smartest and the most trouble of the bunch. A number of times they managed to pry open a window at night, enter, wash their paws in our cat's water and eat dry cat food.

The deer no longer eat my back garden since we attached copper pipe bent into pretty arches to the top of the back fence. Apparently the deer can't jump high enough to clear the pipe, the top of which is about eight feet off the ground.

I didn't know we had mice, had never seen one until the kitten we adopted earlier this year became a cat. This cat is a big hunter.

He's dragged in from the garden a number of times a lizard who lives there. The cat doesn't hurt the lizard; he just finds him and brings him to us and we return him to the garden.

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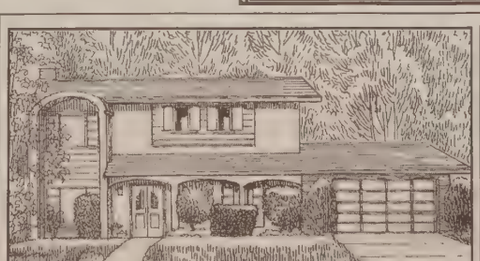
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But he does catch and kill mice. Where does he find so many little mice? Why don't the mice get it that this cat will never stop? It seems like they'd move on to a better place, but maybe they don't talk to one another.

All these animals in the city! We hear about them often from clients, people who live in attractive areas, both in the hills and in the flats. Raccoons pry up the edges of lawn turf to look for grubs.

Squirrels build nests in attics. Skunks spray basements.

There is more talk about deer than any other animals – how to keep them out, what plants they might not eat – but maybe that's because people don't like to admit they have problems with other critters, especially rodents.

Things could be worse. The same people who are waiting for the smell in the attic to end moved here from Texas. In addition to enormous cockroaches, lizards, opossums, and skunks, they also had at their house in an upscale suburban neighborhood, snakes and armadillos.

They could have done without all of those, but they had one wonderful animal experience while in Texas, this one with birds called Chimney Swifts.

Fireplace chimneys are the nesting home of choice of the mother Chimney Swift. If she finds one that is open at the top, as was our friends' chimney, she builds her nest and lays her eggs inside.

It was in April that our friends first heard the babies chirping. Although, as they discovered, each baby was only about as big as your thumb, there were six of them and, in unison, they were loud. They were so loud that it wasn't possible to watch TV in the same room with them.

The fireplace was a corner type with two fireboxes and a wider opening than is often true so it was possible to look up inside the chimney and see the nest perched precariously on a ledge.

Concerned that the nest might fall, our friends laid soft rugs and crumpled packing paper in the fireplace to make a safe landing.

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It was good they did because heavy rains soaked the nest and two of the little birds fell down. The local bird rescue people first suggested moving the babies into a wooden bowl placed on the ledge.

But when water collected in the bowl making the new nest soggy, it was replaced with a plastic colander which worked like a charm.

Although the birds had been handled in the relocation process, everyone was hopeful that the mother would continue to feed them, and she did.

Every day our friends used a flashlight to check on the birds. They watched as the babies, clinging to the brick surface, inched their way along the chimney walls in an attempt to reach the top – and adolescence.

Two of the babies fell and had to be taken to bird rescue, a third died, and two made it out the top.

The last one's teeny feet held onto the bricks but his progress was slow.

It was mid-July, ten weeks from the time that the birds' chirps were first heard before the last bird reached the chimney top and he flew away.

Now, isn't that a nice animal story?

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Academic success may depend on home design

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GREENWICH, Conn. —To ensure bliss in the home, at school and at work, it's important to be conscious of the rooms in your home and their design layout.

These can be critical elements to a family's success or downfall when it comes to children's study habits, school grades, general mood and the constant juggling act for parents to balance work and home. Rooms should be designed for multitasking, or "Parallel Play" (the Y2K answer to "quality time").

Parallel Play is the modern phenomenon where families are spending time together, helping each other with tasks, while still conducting independent activities.

HomeJupiter.com, the most comprehensive resource on the Internet for home building, renovation and remodeling, has posted expert advice on its Web site for home design and Parallel Play that can ensure an easy transition to the back-to-school and back-to-work modes.

Timing is everything

■ Designate a time that your entire family conducts business at home. A grown-up's day doesn't end when they leave the office, nor does a student's day end when they leave school.

■ Consider designing a family room that is used for more than just television watching and can handle all family members doing "homework" at one time. This means that the room needs to be wired for Internet access, phone and fax lines. Students no longer need a room full of books for research, a 56k modem and an Internet account is more than enough.

■ Proper lighting is critical, and can help both parents and children concentrate better, and also set a work mood.

■ As all of us become more proficient at multitasking, the rooms in our homes should too. Be sure that the family room has plenty of storage space. This should include room for paper, pens, pencils, sharpeners, stapler, scissors, glue, erasers, construction paper, etc.

■ The heavy student backpack syndrome can be alleviated with extra storage for large textbooks. In clude an area to display a schedule for tests and homework assignments coming up, so that not all books need to be taken to school every day.

Show them you're proud

■ Positive reinforcement can help build up a child's self-esteem and confidence. Help motivate your children at home by designating an area of the kitchen, family room or child's bedroom as the trophy area.

■ Hanging shelves and mounting corkboard on the walls can bring the trophy area to life.

■ Display school and sports trophies on the shelves. Tack up your children's papers, art projects, report cards and photos of sports activities

Reading is fundamental

■ Design or renovate an area of your living space where your children can spend time doing their reading assignments for school

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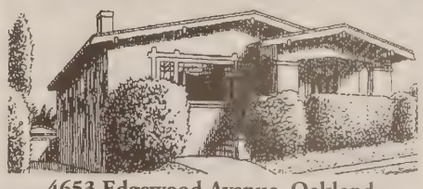
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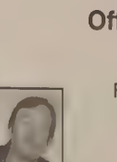
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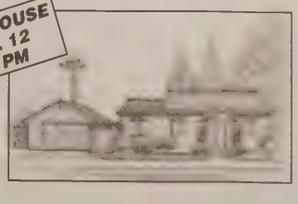


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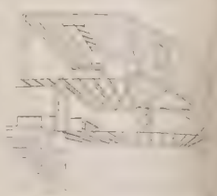
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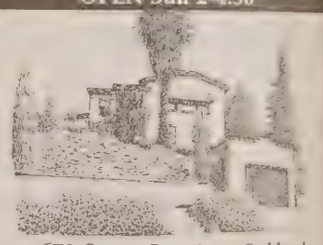
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Energy efficiency new selling point

■ Today's smart home buyers are willing to pay upfront to ensure high energy efficiency and low utility bills

By Allison Kaplan
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

When the typical home buyer thinks about splurging, Jacuzzis and movie screening rooms come to mind.

Not extra insulation.

David Robinson found that out the hard way several years ago when he tried to sell the St. Paul, Minn., home in which he had invested nearly $15,000 for energy-efficient appliances and insulation.

"The Realtor said we couldn't attach much value to it," Robinson said of his conservation efforts, which cut down on utility costs for the 2,400-square-foot house. "Energy was cheap at the time. Nine out of 10 people are going to buy a house with a hot tub, vs. invisible energy-efficiency measures."

That attitude is beginning to change, with natural gas costs predicted to increase 30 percent to 50 percent this winter. Home builder Dan Gerold finds a growing number of people are buying into the concept of paying more upfront for energy efficiency to save in the long run.

Energy efficiency is becoming a selling point for new homes.

Not only are heating bills lower in a new 3,000-square-foot house than they are in an old one half that size, the air quality is better and the building materials tend to last longer due to improved ventilation.

More and more buyers want their newly built homes to meet a higher standard of energy efficiency than may be required by state laws.

Highly efficient homes qualify for the federal Energy Star Program, which rewards homeowners with a lower mortgage rate for taking steps to consume less energy.

One of the biggest differences between a new home and one built 20 years ago is ventilation. Years ago, air and moisture moved in and out of a house through the walls.

Today, houses are sealed so well, they require — by state law — a mechanical ventilation system. An air exchanger, which costs around $2,000 or more, draws fresh air inside and pushes stale air out, explains Mike Carney, general manager of Burnsville Heating and Air Conditioning.

This system, which can be retro-fitted in an existing home, controls the moisture level in the house and improves air quality, but it won't do much to lower utility bills.

"People want to be able to see and touch the air-quality problems in a home," Carney said. "The majority of people choose to purchase this system because they see excessive window condensation. That can lead to mold, which can lead to respiratory problems."

The walls of new homes are about 2 inches thicker than in previous generations, making room for extra insulation. The shell of the house is wrapped in a plastic jacket to prevent air leaks and moisture. Every corner, electrical socket and light fixture opening is stuffed with foam.

New homes also have the advantage of starting off with the most advanced furnaces, water heaters and windows. Twenty years ago, furnaces operated at about 60 percent efficiency, meaning nearly half of the heat generated was wasted. Today, many are above 95 percent.

Windows today are filled with argon gas to do a better job of preventing air from seeping through, said state energy specialist Phil Smith. Because vinyl is often used for window trim rather than wood, which rots and can cause the glass to shift or sag, the windows tend to last longer.

Programmable thermostats are becoming popular in new homes. An existing homeowner can purchase one for $150 to $400. Set it to turn the temperature down while you're sleeping or at work, and you could save more than 10 percent on heating costs.

Wood-burning fireplaces, which suck most of the hot air out of a room, are a thing of the past, accounting for just 20 percent of those built today.

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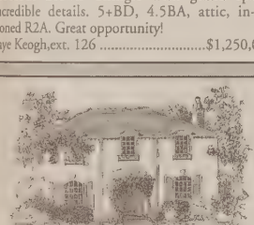
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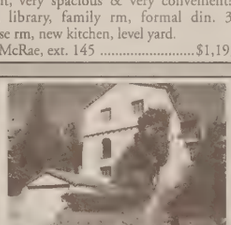
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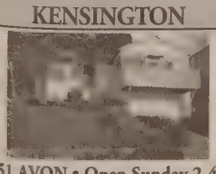
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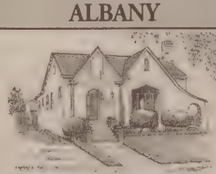
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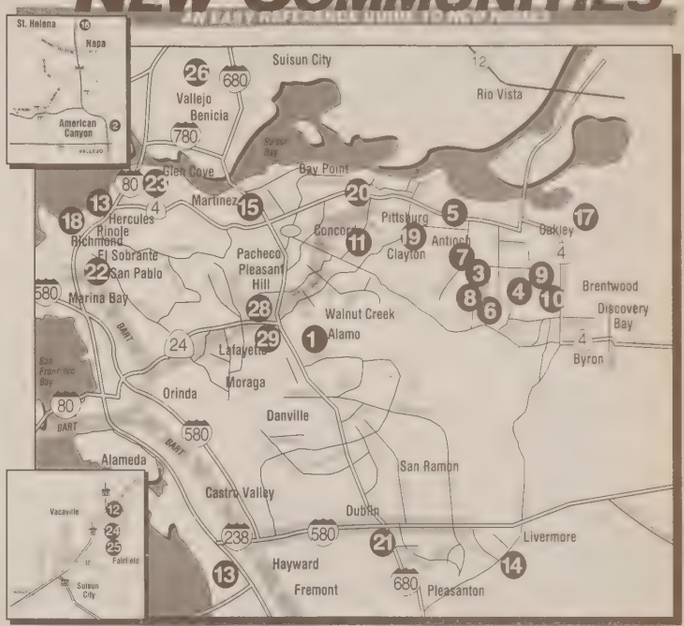
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CREDIT WORTHY

By Bobbie Reid
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News and information for and about the area real estate community andaffiliated industries.

A.A.R. INFORUM MEETING INVITES PUBLIC The public is invited to attend an Inforum Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting is hosted by the Alameda Association of Realtors. The Inforum is dedicated to helping Realtors stay informed about the real estate market, the community and issues that affect the economy. Featured speakers will be City Manager Jim Flint and Assistant City Manager Dave Burger. Future possibilities for the Blanding Shopping Center area, Park Street and Webster Street developments will be the discussion topics. The Inforum meeting is held at the Garden Isle clubhouse in Alameda. For more information call Rosemary McNally of Kane & Associates at 510-769-1845.

NEW NATIONAL WCR PRESIDENT MAXINE JENNINGS Maxine Jennings of Coldwell Banker was installed as the National President of the Women's Council of Realtors. The installation took place in San Francisco at the 2000 WCR National Conference. Jennings is a longtime Bay area resident. She has spent the last 24 years as a real estate professional and Instructor. She has been a member of and held many offices in WCR, locally, statewide and nationally. If you would like to extend congratulations Jennings can be reached at 925-847-2262.

FREE SENIOR CARE GUIDE Georgia Richardson of Richardson Real Estate Services is offering a complimentary issue of New Lifestyles, an area guide to senior residences and care options. Guides are available for the San Francisco Bay or the Sacramento/North Bay areas. Richardson is a member of the Associated Real Property Brokers Board of directors and was voted Realtist of the Year. To receive the free guide call Richardson at 510-569-3499.

PLAY IT SAFE Safety Awareness Class. A class on safety awareness is being offered by Fidelity National Title Company for real estate agents. The class will cover safety tips and procedures, as well as self-defense information. The instructor will be Al Lazano with the Oakland Police Department. "The topic of safety, in any industry is important," commented Aidee Jerome, Marketing Representative for Fidelity's Montclair Branch. "Our goal is to facilitate the OPD, in getting the word out. We will bring the class to the real estate offices." If you would like to have this class at your office, contact Aidee Jerome at 510-339-9800.

BROKER COMMITTEE MEETS The Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Chairperson Bob Valva of Valva Realty said the purpose of the committee is to help build Oakland. Meetings are held at the Oakland Association of Realtors building on Webster Street, in downtown Oakland. If you need more information or would like to attend, call Valva at 510-451-7317.

WCR LUNCHEON The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter will be holding their next meeting on Friday, Nov. 17 at 11:30 a.m. H's Lordships Restaurant, at the Berkeley Marina will be the location. The featured speaker will be Joeann Fossland, who lectures, around the country, for the national Women's Council . Her presentation, "Life Balance" will focus on personal

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Area Realtor associations host inaugurals

By Bobbie Reid
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Each year Bay Area Realtor associations hold inaugural events to honor the hard work of their outgoing officers and directors and to install their new officers and directors. The following provides inaugural information on each association's gala.

Alameda

The Alameda Association of Realtors Inaugural will be held Thursday, Dec. 14. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m., at the Oakland Yacht Club. Outgoing and incoming presidents are respectively, Judy Jacobs of Harbor Bay Realty and Ann Bracci of Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors. For more information call Kristen McMahon at 510-523-7229.

Berkeley

An evening affair is planned by the Berkeley Association of Realtors. The date is Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. The location is the Claremont Hotel, in Berkeley. The outgoing president is Lois Kadosh of Bay Ridge Real Estate & Financial and the incoming will be Steve Yashimuro of Nakamura Real Estate. To make your reservation call Don Clark at 510-848-4288.

Oakland

The luncheon inaugural for the Oakland Association of Realtors will be held at the Claremont Hotel. Festivities begin at 11:30 am, Friday Dec. 1. Outgoing President L.J. Jennings of Jetstream Mortgage will hand over the gavel to John Holmgren of Holmgren & Associates. Reservations are a must. Call Judith Boren at 510-836-3000.

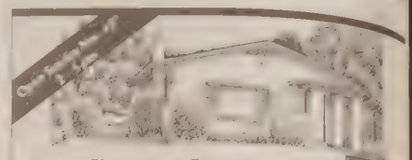
Bay East

The Bay East Association of Realtors plans an evening inaugural to be held at the San Ramon Marriott. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday December 7th. 2000 President Don Faught of Prudential of California Realty will say farewell and welcome to 2001 President Dave Gravelle of RE/MAX East Bay Group. For tickets and information call Barbara Newman at 925-447-8100.

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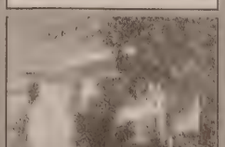
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Reviving a neglected art: stenciling

By Edward R. Lipinski
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Stenciling is an old art form. Neanderthal artists created patterns using their hands as stencils. They blew powdered pigment across their hands to capture the outline of their fingers on the walls of caves in Lascaux, France.

Stenciling continued to be used throughout history as a decorating device to relieve the monotony of plain painted surfaces on walls, floors, furniture, paper and fabric surfaces.

In Colonial America, stenciling was a popular decorating technique because other forms of decoration — paintings and wallpaper — were unavailable.

Colonial artists did not have access to the vibrant pigments readily available in Europe, so they created a softer, mellow palette from natural dyes obtained from indigenous plants and minerals.

Stenciling gradually lost favor in homes as printed wallpaper and mass-produced lithographs became readily available in stores and mail-order catalogs. Now decorators and homeowners are rediscovering it as a way to add decorative accents to rooms and furniture.

The creative do-it-yourselfer will find that it can be a rewarding hobby as well as a decorating technique.

While stenciling may appear difficult, it is really an easy craft to learn and does not require any artistic ability or arcane skills. However, it does require patience in cutting the stencil, precision in aligning the patterns and care in applying the paint. Only a few simple and inexpensive tools are required: Stencil paper, a stencil knife, paint applicators and, sometimes, a chalk line for aligning the patterns.

Stencil paper has to be durable and paint-resistant. You can buy ready-made stencil paper, a thick plastic-coated stock, at large art supply stores or from stencil suppliers. (One supplier is the Stencil Collector, 1723 Tilghman St., Allentown, Pa. 18104.) You can also make stencil paper out of manila file folders. Coat the paper with linseed oil or varnish it to make it paint-resistant.

A craft knife with replaceable blades makes a suitable and inexpensive stencil-cutting knife. Beware of a dull blade; you could end up tearing the stencil. Besides the cutting knife, you will need a surface to cut the stencils on. The best is a self-healing cutting mat (available at art supply stores).

The traditional paint applicator for stencil work is a stiff-bristled stencil brush. It is important when applying paint to hold the brush vertically. This will create a stippling effect and allow you to blend tones together. The vertical posture will also keep the bristles from creeping under the stencil.

The mistake most beginners make is in loading too much paint on the bristles. Dip only the tip of the brush in the paint, and before applying the paint to the stenciled area, do a test on a piece of scrap paper. Ideally, the paint should dry almost instantly; if not, there is too much paint on the brush. Wipe off the excess then try again.

Almost any type of paint can be used for stencil work. First, check the label on the container to be sure the paint will adhere to the surface you intend to decorate. Satin finish water-based paints (available at home centers and paint stores) work well on most surfaces. Artists' liquid acrylic paints (available in jars at artist supply stores) are also good for stencil work on walls, but they do not adhere well to glossy or metal surfaces.

You can also use paint in spray cans, but you must take care to mask surrounding areas from overspray. Also, spray-painting can present a safety hazard, so work in a well-ventilated area and wear a respirator designed for spray work.

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At first, you may find it difficult to design your own stencils, but there are a number of books in the library and from stencil suppliers that feature a variety of patterns suitable for walls, floors and furniture. Use a copy machine to reproduce them to an appropriate size, then mount them onto the stencil paper with rubber cement. Cut through the copy and the stencil paper to make your stencil.

While you are applying the paint, you can hold small stencils in place with your hand or with masking tape, but large stencils are difficult to keep in position.

A good way keep these pieces immobile as you work is by spraying the back with a repositionable adhesive. (One brand is 3M-Remount.) The stencil will be tacky enough to stay in place, but you can still peel it off the surface to reposition it if necessary. If possible, use this spray out of doors, because the overspray can make walls and surrounding surfaces sticky.

Your first stenciling project should be a design on a small flat surface, like the lid of a chest or a door panel. As you gain confidence and your skills improve, you can work on a larger area, like a wall or a floor.

Some tips to help with home sale

HOME GAIN

EMERYVILLE — Nearly 2 million American homeowners are trying to sell their homes this month, but many don't realize money they spent recently on big-ticket improvements won't be recouped.

HomeGain (homegain.com) surveyed real estate agents nationwide and learned that moderately priced home improvements, ranging from $80 to $2,800 made in preparation for sale actually yield the highest returns when a house is sold.

Based on responses from 2,000 agents, HomeGain developed a Home Sale Maximizer, a free online tool that helps homeowners determine which of 10 upgrades recommended by agents are right for them.

Agents advised homeowners to do as little as possible in preparing for sale — perform touch-ups that can create noticeable results. Here are definitions for the Top 10 moderately priced home improvements.

Lighten and brighten: Buyers look for space and comfort. Bright light can make a small home appear larger, while soft light provides a warm, cozy atmosphere.

Top tips: Clean all windows, inside and out; Keep curtains open, use natural light; Use the brightest light bulbs possible (with correct wattage); install dimmer switches and create lighting for different occasions.

Clean and de-clutter: Buyers want to imagine themselves in your home, but will have a hard time if it's full of clutter. Consider renting a short-term storage space for excess furniture and other belongings.

Top tips: Clean the entryway carefully — it creates the buyer's first impression; Clean or purchase new front door hardware: Hire a professional to thoroughly clean the interior of your home; Remove personal effects.

Fix plumbing and electrical: Make sure light switches, lights and plumbing fixtures work properly before showing your house. If the problems are greater, call in a licensed electrician or plumber first

Top tips: Make sure all bath room and kitchen faucets are in good working order. Toilets, drains and doorbells should be in good working order

Landscape and trim: Invest in modest landscaping to enhance the "curb appeal" of your home. The same goes for your back yard. An immaculate lawn and garden can significantly increase your home's value

Top tips: Mow, edge, fertilize and hydrate your lawn; re-sod bare spots on the lawn; Remove dead or dying plants or flowers; Clean all debris from front and back yards Thoroughly weed flower beds

Staging: This can be the secret to selling your home quickly. Your real estate agent can help you rearrange furniture or even rent more modern furniture to show your house in the best possible light

Top tips: Place fresh flowers, potpourri and other decorations throughout your house. Play light music. Set the dining room table for a dinner party. Hang artwork on the walls

Repair flooring: Keep flooring clean and enhance the appearance [illegible] minimal cost. Some repairs or replacement may be necessary

Top tips: Clean and wax linoleum floors. Replace vent covers. If you decide to place a linoleu[illegible] neutral color; replace mis[illegible] damaged tiles; pat[illegible] place hardwood flooring

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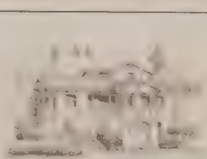
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914 Aquarius Way $1,295,000
Incredibly open & light spaces plus fabulous views of the Bay & beyond highlight this dramatic 4+BR/3.5BA Montclair contemporary. Anian Pettit Tunney

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5055 Dublin Avenue $749,000
Enjoy uncommon privacy from this secluded home located in the Joaquin Miller neighborhood. Conveniently located to shopping, schools & transportation. 6BR/4BA. Adam Betta

6327 Ascot Drive New Listing $679,000
A charming Piedmont Pines home with 3+BR/3BA, formal living and dining rooms, paneled rumpus, level gardens & great location. Elizabeth Dickson

21 Moss Avenue $519,000
A charming duplex w/refinished hardwood floors, spacious living & dining room, eat-in kitchen & expansive garden. 1BR/1BA down, 3BR/1BA up. Debbi DiMaggio

282 Whitmore Street $389,000
Located on a 4,900 sq. ft. lot in R70 zoning. Could be developed into 8-10 units/4 stories. Presently 2 story farm house w/2 kitchens, 3+ BR/2BA & 2 separate entrys. Judy Rankankan

695 Walavista New Listing $349,000
Enormous potential awaits this fixer! Great opportunity to restore this 4+BR/2BA traditional home to its original grandeur. Angela Wei Grubb

1104 Curtis Street, Albany $285,000
Charming cottage home in upper Albany w/ hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room. Close to Solano Ave., parks & tennis courts. Needs some work. Chris Cohn

2815 Octavia Street New Listing $169,000
This sweet bungalow has recently been updated just for you. 2BR/1BA with new tile and carpet plus a small garden for you to enjoy. Debbi DiMaggio

5 Embarcadero #129 New Listing $150,000
Why rent when you can own your own one bedroom/one bath condominium in the up and coming Jack London Square neighborhood? Mavis Delacroix

By Appointment

Panoramic Bay View New Price $1,539,000
Winner of 4 design awards & finishes of the finest quality distinguish this fabulous contemporary home. Susanne Paul

Exquisite Crocker Highlands Tudor $995,000
Stately Tudor home w/gourmet kitchen, landscaped gardens, 3+BR/2+BA & library. Nancy Lehrkind

Stunning Montclair $915,000
Exquisite hilltop residence w/panoramic SF views, spa, pool & cabana. A great home for entertaining. Nancy Lehrkind

Beautiful Piedmont Home $699,000
This completely level home has been remodeled throughout. Master suite w/new BA, updated kitchen & patio. Kurt Buchholz

Charming Piedmont Traditional $689,000
Lovingly restored & elegant. 3BR/1.5BA. Beautiful new kitchen. Breakfast room & hardwood floors. Karen Starr

Charming Upper Rockridge $649,000
Charming Upper Rockridge location w/sweeping lawns, level garden, 3BR/2BA and new kitchen. Elizabeth Dickson

Best Buy! $459,000
Sunny & beautifully maintained w/3BR/2+BA, level out patio + Bay & city views from both levels. Sheila Gallagher

Coming Soon $425,000
Charming contemporary in woodsy setting. Beamed ceiling, 3BR/2 remodeled BA & family room. Susanne Paul

Lakeside Condominium $299,000
A wonderful condominium w/ Lake views, 2BR/2BA including master suite. Living room w/fireplace. Kurt Buchholz

WEEKLY SALES

ALAMEDA
1438 6th St - $329,000
3142 Bali Ln - $400,000
1827 Bay St - $400,000
1143 College Av - $315,000
8 Lawrence Rd - $630,000
1817 Nason St - $272,000
2525 Noble Av - $350,000
914 Oak St - $340,000
3417 Redhook Ln - $280,000
1912 Schiller St - $345,000
960 Shorepoint #200 - $200,000
2853 Van Buren St - $350,000
1014 Verdemar Dr - $349,000

ALBANY
1047 Curtis St - $430,000
555 Pierce St #140 - $232,000
555 Pierce St #842 - $234,000
648 Stannage Av - $400,000

BERKELEY
2508 10th St - $217,000
1304 Alcatraz Av - $225,000
1404 Carleton St - $325,000
1627 Carleton St - $420,000
2301 Curtis St - $415,000
2304 Derby St - $320,000
1316 Dwight Wy - $335,000
3019 Hillegass Av - $550,000
2312 Howe St - $498,000
2339 Stuart St - $580,000
1818 Woolsey St - $485,000

EL CERRITO
2355 Carquinez Av - $470,000
6782 Glen Mawr Av - $350,000
1335 Norvell St - $555,000
231 Pomona Av - $330,000
1608 Roger Ct - $405,000
7 Santa Fe Av - $250,000
860 Seaview Dr - $525,000
23 Wildwood Pl - $300,000

EL SOBRANTE
4393 Fieldcrest Dr - $340,000
21 Greenbrae Ct - $325,000
5120 La Honda Rd - $210,000
3436 May Rd - $235,000
911 Mitchell Wy - $225,000
160 Travalini Ct - $450,000

EMERYVILLE
1236 30th St - $122,000
6 Admiral Dr #A27 - $202,000
3 Admiral Dr #F36 - $209,000
2914 Linden St - $190,000

KENSINGTON
49 Edgecroft Rd - $800,000
748 Wellesley Av - $485,000
9 Westminster Av - $485,000

OAKLAND
1927 106th Av - $199,000
2230 107th Av - $215,000
2645 23rd Av - $107,000
1018 24th St - $153,000
1633 35th Av - $189,000
277 38th St - $310,000
2223 40th Av - $225,000
1431 47th Av - $140,000
1631 51st Av - $104,000
671 55th St - $284,000
2200 62nd Av - $168,000
2621 68th Av - $190,500
929 70th Av - $180,000
1229 82nd Av - $80,500
696 Athol Av #102 - $100,000
6826 Avenal Av - $170,000
9534 B St - $135,000
4100 Barner Av - $437,000
5351 Belgrave Pl #3 - $420,000
6420 Benvenue Av #2 - $300,000
256 Bergedo Dr - $165,000
5851 Brann St - $350,000
5283 Broadway Trail - $650,000
200 Caldecott Ln #115 - $250,000
300 Caldecott Ln #215 - $241,000
180 Caldecott Ln #307 - $250,000
210 Capricorn Av - $445,000
1519 Center St - $205,000
6620 Chelton Dr - $696,000
9425 Cherry St - $260,500
9515 Cherry St - $410,000
5046 Congress Av - $203,000
5102 Congress Av - $102,000
910 Creed Rd - $496,000
3123 Cuthbert Av - $115,000

2468 East 22nd St #4 - $195,500
1462 East 38th St - $363,000
1015 Elsinore Av - $466,000
11041 Ettrick St - $699,000
1401 Excelsior Av - $250,000
2438 Frances St #2 - $149,000
8338 Golf Links Rd - $234,000
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41 Knoll Ridge Wy - $501,000
4080 Kuhnle Av - $289,500
200 Lakeside Dr #705 - $399,000
45 Lane Ct - $870,000
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2300 Leimert Bl - $650,000
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6335 Melville Dr - $441,000
4118 Midvale Av - $172,000
2346 Mitchell St - $190,000
250 Montecito Av #103 - $202,000
4517 Moraga Av - $388,000
2839 Morgan Av - $360,000
4059 Oakmore Rd - $410,000
11040 Overmoor St - $512,000
701 Paloma Av - $473,000
150 Pearl St #320 - $191,500
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4856 Scotia Av - $355,000
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15735 Skyline Bl - $995,000
856 Sunnyhills Rd - $660,000
4262 Suter St - $230,000
6701 Thornhill Dr - $500,000
5361 Trask St - $172,000
632 Trestle Glen Rd - $585,000
34 Turtle Creek St - $350,500
339 Warwick Av - $595,500
6125 Westover Dr - $469,000
288 Whitmore St #325 - $168,000

PIEDMONT
604 Blair Av - $1,300,000
962 Rose Av - $450,000
358 Scenic Av - $815,000

RICHMOND
634 11th St - $130,000
662 39th St - $280,000
546 40th St - $199,000
935 8th St - $107,000
6231 Arlington Bl - $285,000
2600 Barnard Dr - $200,000

2507 Baywood Wy - $251,000
6035 Bernhard Av - $200,000
2014 Burbeck Av - $210,000
5631 Carl Av - $250,000
5607 Carlos Av - $135,000
2534 Esmond Av - $215,000
4584 Fran Wy - $290,000
2191 Greenridge Dr - $260,000
675 Harbour Wy - $118,000
1800 Lincoln Av - $178,000
2612 Lowell Av - $181,000
3030 Moran Av - $240,000
4000 Nevin Av - $235,000
3755 North Stoneglen - $154,000
831 Parkside Dr - $225,000
1919 Pennsylvania Av - $103,000
2 Quail Hill Ct - $239,000
4001 Roosevelt Av - $250,000
1410 San Joaquin St - $155,000
66 Scenic Av - $367,000
3125 Serene Ct - $290,000
5218 Sierra Av - $285,000
244 South 12th St - $140,000
227 South 15th St - $132,000
631 South 24th St - $225,000
1615 South 26th St - $105,000
151 South 39th St - $150,000
437 Stege Av - $170,000
3421 Sunleaf Wy #62 - $210,000
436 Tewksbury Av - $300,000
1794 Tulare Av - $280,000
6121 Van Fleet Av - $280,000

SAN LEANDRO
1757 143rd Av - $266,000
1201 148th Av - $235,000
977 Alice Av - $249,000
790 Arguello Dr - $320,000
459 Broadmoor Bl - $420,000
1135 Brookvale Dr - $530,000
1400 Carpentier #316 - $205,000
15223 Central Av - $145,000
1197 Donovan Dr - $232,000
14433 Elm St - $296,000
2190 Estabrook Cr - $270,000
1923 Fairbanks St - $230,000
2310 Fairway Dr - $205,000

15225 Farnsworth St - $285,000
1133 Gardner Bl - $220,000
16585 Hannah Dr - $305,000
40 Harlan St - $239,000
15065 Hesperian #25 - $175,000
15392 Hesperian Bl - $242,000
894 Lewelling Bl #20 - $144,500
349 Melven Ct - $282,000
2025 Nome St - $270,000
13906 Rose Dr - $260,000
16618 Selby Dr - $346,000
644 Sterling Dr - $190,000
750 Swenson Ct - $312,500
920 Thornton St - $255,000
1410 Thrush Av #4 - $186,000
559 Victoria Ct - $275,000
1123 Warden Av - $220,000
482 Warwick Av - $345,000
1803 Wayne Av - $273,000

SAN LORENZO
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676 Empire St - $137,500
330 Lewelling Bl - $255,000
16045 Via Cordoba - $289,000
17337 Via Julia - $300,000
17452 Via La Jolla - $305,000
1743 Via Lucas - $262,000
17469 Via Rincon - $245,000

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TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: $200,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $630,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $340,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $350,769

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: $232,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $430,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $234,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $324,000

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 11
LOWEST PRICE: $217,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $580,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $335,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $397,273

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: $250,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $555,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $350,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $398,125

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: $210,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $450,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $235,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $297,500

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: $122,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $209,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $190,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $180,750

KENSINGTON
TOTAL SALES: 3

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 90
LOWEST PRICE: $ 90,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $966,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $284,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $338,46

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES:
LOWEST PRICE: $ 450,00
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,300,0
MEDIAN PRICE: $ 615,00
AVERAGE PRICE: $ 855,0

RICHMOND
TOTAL SALES: 38
LOWEST PRICE: $103,000
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MEDIAN PRICE: $210,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $211,05

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Cozy home in a great location! Featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, bonus room, updated kitchen and baths, hardwood floors throughout and move-in condition.

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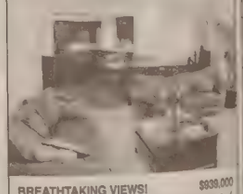


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BREATHTAKING VIEWS! $938,000
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WALNUT CREEK $455,000
Atrium model condo w/lovely view of creek & landscaping! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, new paint and an inside laundry room
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HIGHEST PRICE: $530,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $255,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $263,375

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TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: $137,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $305,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $262,000
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East Bay remodeler wins national recognition

October 31, 2000- Upper Marlboro, MD - Oakland-based Winans Construction, Inc., specializing in residential remodeling and based was named to receive the highest recognition for quality achievement in the remodeling industry — the coveted National Remodeling Quality Gold Award.

"Winans Construction moved beyond its peers in its quest for unparalleled customer satisfaction," said Tommy Thompson, former NAHB president and current member of the NAHB Research Center's Board of Directors at a press conference introducing the Gold winner in Detroit, MI.

"The company has a quality culture and leaders who lead by example. They are raising the bar for the rest of the industry," Thompson added.

"Winans Construction is a mission-focused company and that mission is embodied in well-defined work procedures that put the mission into action and make it a reality," said Ed Caldeira, Director of Quality at the NAHB Research Center.

"In 1998, the company created a 10-year vision of what the company should be and employees are marching there together," he added.

The announcement of this year's winners was made at the National Association of Home Builders Remodelers Show in Detroit, MI, Oct. 19.

The NRQA program is modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and is designed to be the highest recognition for quality in the remodeling field. Entries are judged by a panel of experts and undergo on-site examinations.

The NAHB Research Center has issued a call for entries for the 2002 awards program. Entries must be received by March 1, 2001.

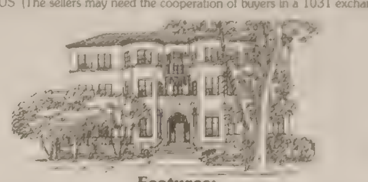
The NAHB Research Center is the not-for-profit research arm of the National Association of Home Builders, and is located in Upper Marlboro, MD. You can visit their website at www.nahbrc.org and click on quality.

You can visit the Winans, Web site at www.winconinc.com

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New Real Estate Program can reduce fees and commissions by 50%

BAY AREA – www.Homes-Link.com a real estate company based in Alameda CA has developed a revolutionary concept in real estate sales called Open Listings which is guaranteed to save home sellers 50% while meeting all California Department of Real Estate rules and standards. The concept is so revolutionary that it has the larger franchise based companies up in arms and scrambling for effective ways to combat it. This program even out-discounts Costco, the king of discounts For example: Costco's discount on the sale of a home priced from $200,000 TO $224,999 is $1,775 while Homes-Link will save the homeowner from $6,000 TO $6,749.97. On a home priced between $300,000 and $349,999, Costco's savings is $2,800 and at Homes-Link the savings grows to $9,000 - $10,499.97. The savings continue to go up from there.

The program is deceptively simple. Sellers work along side their realtor in a partnership based program. The program is a fee for services rendered program rather than a flat 6% commission as is charged by conventional real estate companies. By using a fee for services based program, smart sellers in today's market are enjoying sales prices in many cases over asking price in surprisingly quick order. This simple, easy to understand program has saved hundreds of home-sellers thousands of dollars in unnecessary real estate commissions, while allowing them additional dollars for their next purchase or for their retirement plans

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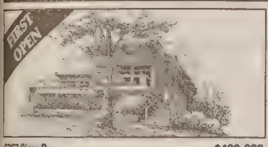
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Savings $10,350
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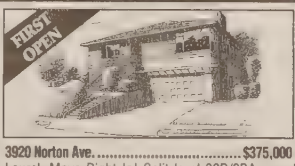
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6767 Sims Dr. $429,000
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3920 Norton Ave. $375,000
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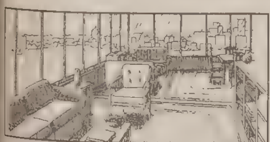
2871 Morgan Ave. $449,000
Lincoln Heights Mediterranean Magic! Cheerful and charming 3BD/2BA home with fabulous level yard from new family room addition! Hdwds, FP, tile & more. The best! **Open 2 - 4:30 p.m.** **Rachel Bailer**

1908 Clemens Rd. $349,000
Oakmore. Bay View Mini Mediterranean. Great starter home with large plus room. Fabulous back yard, decks and storage shed. A very sunny home!
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OPEN SUNDAY

9244 Golf Links Rd. $310,000
Oakland. Flexible use floor plan. 3BD/1BA on main level, 1+BD/1BA w/separate entrance. Well-maintained by owner. Convenient to all freeways & Knowland Park. **Open 1 - 4 p.m.** **Jon Dunn**

BY APPOINTMENT



Lake Merritt $695,000
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Michael Thompson

Claremont Heights $750,000
... Views Stupendous lot, mostly level with design review approved plans **David Eckert**

Fruitvale $625,000
... sh Bungalows. Five 2-bedroom cottages, all ... garages, some w/fireplaces, some w/backyards.
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Berkeley $575,000
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Rockridge $549,000
Gorgeous! Well-maintained 3BD/3BA with family room, 2 FP's, newly tiled kitchen & baths, level yard for garden/play. **Phyllis Wherry**

Montclair $500,000
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Montclair $469,000
3 View Lots. Investment opportunity area of million dollar homes. **David Eckert**

Oakland $375,000
View Lot. Design review approved plans included. Do not miss this one. **David Eckert**

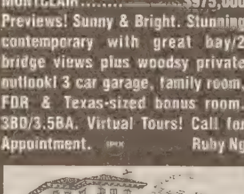
China Hill $269,000
Desirable Condo. Two master suites or 1BD + den. Sunny unit, big balcony, interior washer/dryer, fireplace w/insert, new carpet, paint & linoleum. Vacant & ready to go!
Donna Conroy

Oakland/Berkeley Hills $259,000
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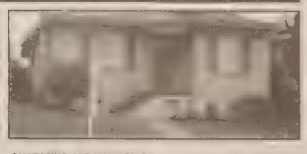
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1105 Suter $489,000
3BR 3BA, possible in-law set-up **Rita Zwerdling**
490 Arlington $495,000
2BR/2BA on huge lot. **Holly Rose**
1185 Glen $289,000
Junker cabin on super lot. **Jerry Ratch**

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927 Cerrito $325,000
Darling 2BR w lush yard **Diana Verducci**
1265 Portland $399,000
3BR 1BA Mediterranean **Diana Kay**

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Price reduced over $200K. World class views from the Berkeley Hills! Take it all in SF, Bay & Golden Gate Bridge, and the vast Pacific! U... family ... e built in 1949, and expanded to two ... living quarters! 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath and Great Rm upstairs. 3BR, 2BA downstairs. In this setting, daily living takes on an inspiring new perspective
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UNIQUE CONTEMPORARY IN THE BERKELEY HILLS $509,000
Beautifully remodeled home with in-law potential. Kitchen remodeled in Italian style w/Wolf stove. Fresh paint thruout. 3BR, 2 full BA and fam rm or in-law. Terraced garden W/trellis, apple tree and private patio

YOUR OWN PRIVATE WILDERNESS $495,000
JUST LISTED! 2+BR/1BA home on a huge lot in No. Berkeley w/natural stands of live oak. Greenhouse off DR plus 2 large rms below - ideal for expansion. Rear deck & garage. Walk to Kensington shops.

IDEAL URBAN LOCATION IN NORTH BERKELEY $489,000
Walk to Gourmet Ghetto or Solano Ave. shops and restaurants! 2BR/2BA up with no great room, fireplace and spacious kitchen, plus lower level studio w/kitchen & bath. Ideal for in-law or home office.

CHARMING BERKELEY DUPLEX $429,500
Old world charm, 1916. High ceilings, built-ins & window & moldi... d... Elegant designer palette. Updated kits & BR, 2+BR & 2BR flats. Walk to UC, BART & urban amenities
SOLD

ARCHITECT DESIGNED WEST BERKELEY HOME $410,000
Soaring, light flooded spaces, great separation of space, built in 1979. 5 bedrooms, ... baths, family room, easy indoor/outdoor flow with lush gardens, 2-car garage. Walk to 4th Street shops, near BART
SOLD

SUNNY ALBANY MEDITERRANEAN $399,000
This charming bungalow just glows, from the gleaming hardwood floors to the recently painted walls & cathedral ceilings. 3+BR 1BA formal dining plus lovely and private rear yard. Needs a little TLC

ALBANY REMODEL, GREAT LOCATION $368,000
Sunny, charming 2 bedroom Albany home with enclosed porch ... ting new kit w/granite counters & ... floors includes upgraded plumbing, electrical, new furnace, roof and much more. Level yard, walk to schools, shops, and transportation
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JUNKERS CABIN ON HUGE BERKELEY LOT $289,000
JUST LISTED! 6000 sq. ft. level lot near the Rose Garden in north Berkeley. Cabin probably a tear down! Serene location, yet near Gourmet Ghetto amenities. Incredible opportunity!

EL CERRITO HILLS CHARMER $415,000
Beamed ceilings, gleaming hardwood floors! Bay views from most rooms and from the deck. Large front and back yards, perfect for games or gardens. 2BR, den/office, 1BA, formal dining and 2-car gar
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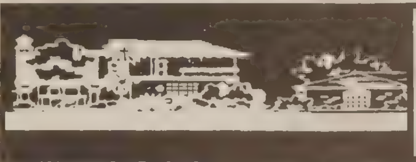
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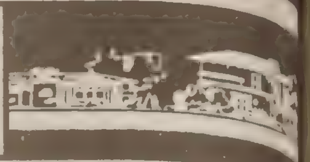
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227 Creedon OPEN SAT & SUN Ringo Liu 510-814-4848 Harbor Bay Realty	6BD/4 + BA	2-4	$1,388,000
1325 Clinton Hanna Fry 510-521-5475, Sally Rudloff 510-523-2314, Kane & Associates	4BD	2-5	$985,000
1437 Cottage Pat Colburn 510-865-3460, Kane & Associates	units	12-3	$695,000
224 Channing OPEN SAT & SUN (SAT)Donnaluci Williams 510-814-4826; (SUN)Fred Christensen 510-814-4811 Harbor Bay Realty	4BD/2 + BA	2-4	$625,000
1534 East Shore Dr Fernside/East Shore Jeff Hilgert 510-893-7545 La Salle Properties	3BD/2 + BA	2:00-4:00	$600,000
2149 Lincoln Ave. Mark Palmer, eHomesAlameda.com, 510-522-5522	5 + BD/4BA	2-4	$559,000
437 Indian Bay OPEN SAT & SUN (SAT) Denisa Garvine 510-814-4871 (SUN) Judy Jacobs 510-814-4711 Harbor Bay Realty	3BD/2 + BA	2-4	$545,000
1312 Hansen Ave Eastshore Fred Hobbs, Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-748-1138	3BA/2BA	2-4	$529,500
1425 Chestnut Mark Wyman 510-522-5827, Kane & Associates	3BD	2-4:30	$525,000
1816 Lafayette Janice Payne 510-814-4846 Harbor Bay Realty	3BD/1 + BA	2-4	$499,000
979 Pearl Marilyn Pomeray 510-814-4845 Harbor Bay Realty	3BD/1 + BA	2-4	$499,000
2901 Johnson Av East End Sue Hitselberger, Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-748-1114	4 + BA/2BA	2-4	$375,000
1566 C Lincoln Bill Douglas 510-814-4839 Harbor Bay Realty	2 + BD/2BA	2-4	$369,000
1538 Paru OPEN SAT & SUN (SAT) Darin Vinall 510-814-4824 (SUN) Elaine Budka 510-814-4835 Harbor Bay Realty	3BD/2 + BA	2-4	$350,000
509 Willow George Williams 510-814-4830 Harbor Bay Realty	2BD/2 + BA	2-4	$330,000
2029 Otis Dr #N OPEN SAT & SUN Bill Bissett, Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-748-1108	3BA/2BA	2-4	$319,500
519 TAYLOR Dan, (415) 441-0967	2BD/1BA	Sun. 2-4	$319,000
1724 Walnut OPEN SAT & SUN John McNulty 510-523-6723, Steve Andersen 510-521-8869, Kane & Associates	2BD	2-4:30	$307,000
2515 Central Ave. #205M Maria Daugherty, Prudential CA Realty, 510-337-8670	2BD/2BA	2-4	$239,000

ALBANY

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803 Evelyn Albany Ruth Frassetto, 510-652-2133 x147 Templeton Leverette	2 + bd/1ba	2-4	$425,000
1053 Evelyn RED OAK, 510-280-2162, Saraya	2BA/1BA	2-4	$375,000
1104 Curtis St Albany Chris Cohn 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	-BD/-BA	2-4:30	$285,000

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2946 Russell Claremont Bebe McRae, 510-652-2133 x145 Templeton Leverette	3bd/3 + ba	2-4	$1,195,000

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1400 Glendale Ave. By UC Campus Kimi Chen 415-203-4690, Far East Rlty	4Bd/3½Ba	1-4	$845,000
2817 Hillegass Elmwood Judith Glass 510-326-7929 Prudential CA Rlty	5 + Bd/2Ba	2-4	$735,000
6 Harvard Cr Berkeley Hills David Otero 510-339-9290 Prudential Ca Realty	3BD/2BA	2-4:30	$729,000
534 Arlington RED OAK, 510-280-2118, Gloria	4BD/3.5BA	2-4	$650,000
1312 Acton Sarah McGarrahn, Lawton & Assoc., 510-325-2885	3BD/2BA	1-5	$549,000
1219/1219 1/2 Francisco RED OAK, 510-280-2117 Betsy	dplx	2-4	$445,000
1125 Spruce St North Michael Studebaker, Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-748-1129	3BA/1BA	2-4	$435,000
1802 Sacramento RED OAK (510) 280-2170, Warwick	2BD/1BA	1-5	$395,000
1414 Derby St Central Berkeley Lisa Friedman, Prudential CA Realty, 510-986-9547	3BD/1¼BA	2-5	$379,000
2424 West ST Alky Vaskelds, Prudential CA Realty, 510-524-2526	2 + BD/1BA	2-4	$375,000
1696 Sacramento Rayne Palmer, Prudential CA Realty, 510-526-5143	3BD/2BA	2-5	$360,000
832 Neilson Berkeley/ Solano Ave Mary Hanna 510-339-8900 La Salle Properties	2BD/BA1	1:30-4:00	$325,000
1320 Carleton St Berkeley Ann Nichols 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3BD/1 + BA	1-4:00	$315,000
1628 Bonita RED OAK, 510-280-2143, Clarice	2BD/1BA	2-4	$275,000

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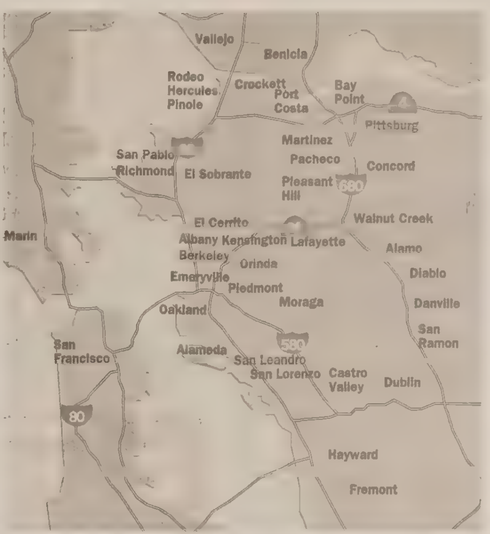
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1234 Contra Costa Mary Gray, Marvin Gardens R.E., 510-559,2939	3Bd/3Ba	2-4	$685,000
421 Albemarle Thornwall Properties 510-848-1950 x233, Toba Schwartz	3Bd/1Ba	1:30-4	$365,000
1518 Norvell Olga Stepanyan, Prudential CA Realty, 510-526-5143	3BD/1BA	1-4	$339,000
529 Liberty Estelle Kent, Prudential CA Realty, 510-526-5143	2BD/1BA	1-4	$295,000

HAYWARD

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
3072 Rafahi Waye Hayward Barbara Hopper 510-845-0211 Prudential CA Realty	3BD/2BA	2-4:30	$290,000

KENSINGTON

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
624 Beloit Phyllis Hewett, Prudential CA Realty, 510-526-5143	4BD/3BA	2-4	$585,000
45 Windsor Ave Kensington Nancy Lee Norman 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3BD/1BA	2-4:30	$529,000
51 Avon Kensington Ruth Frassetto, 510-652-2133 x147 Templeton Leverette	2 + bd/1ba	2-4	$499,000



LAFAYETTE

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
3696 Happy Valley Rd Jerilynn Babington, 925-253-4601, Coldwell Banker	5 BR/6.5 BA	1-5	$2,795,000

OAKLAND

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
6175 Acacia Ave Upper Rockridge Dee Knowland 510-339-6460 ext. 318 Pacific Union	4BD/3 + BA	2-4:30	$2,395,000
6042 Manchester Dr Upper Rockridge Karen Starr 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	4BD/3 - BA	2-4:30	$2,375,000
900 Alvarado Lillie Braudy, Prudential CA Realty, 510-526-5143	4BD/3 - BA	1-4	$1,795,000
904 Alvarado, O Richard Benner, Prudential CA Realty, 510-526-5143	4BD/3 - BA	1-4	$1,695,000
5972 Margarido Dr Upper Rockridge Mavis Delacroix 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	4BD/4 - BA	2-4:30	$1,695,000
5973 Contra Costa RD Upper Rockridge Dee Knowland 510-339-6460 ext. 318 Pacific Union	3BD/-BA	2-4:30	$1,350,000
914 Aquarius Wy Montclair Anian Pettit Tunney 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	4 - BD/3BA	2-4:30	$1,295,000
6920 Norfolk Dr No. Oakland Hills Andriana Giacomelli 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	4BD/2 - BA	2-4:30	$1,145,000
7020 Devon Way Claremont Hills Fae Bidgoli 510-526-0900 RE/MAX East Bay Hills	5bd/3.5ba	1:30-4:30	$1,049,000
6053 Shyline Blvd Montclair Steve Michaelides 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	3BD/2 - BA	2-4:30	$995,000
6160 Buena Vista Av Upper Rockridge David Ichikawa 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	4BD/2 + BA	1-4:00	$975,000

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7172 Buckingham Oakland Hills Annick Da Costa 510-339-9290 Prudential Ca Realty	4BD/3 + BA	2-4:30	$899,000
1185 Keith Av Montclair Roselle Woods 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	5 + BD/3BA	1-4:00	$899,000
6224 Broadway Terr Upper Rockridge Michael Thompson 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3 bd/2Ba	2-5	$895,000
5800 Westover Dr Montclair Victoria Williams 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	3 BD/3BA	2-4:30	$890,000
5055 Dublin Av Joaquin Miller Adam Betta 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	6BD/4BA	2-4:30	$749,000
4120 Gilbert St Piemont Ave Barbara Hopper, Prudential CA Realty, 510-986-9547	5 BD/2BA	2-5	$699,000
332 Forest St Rockridge Donna DeBardi 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3BD/2BA	1-4:00	$695,000
2034 Hoover Ave Oakmore Mark Ross 510-339-9290 Prudential Ca Realty	3BD/2 BA	2-4:30	$689,000
6327 Ascot Dr Montclair Elizabeth Dickson 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	3 BD/3BA	2-4:30	$679,000
271 Capricorn Montclair Vince Moran 510-339-9290 Prudential Ca Realty	5BD/3BA	2-4:30	$638,000
5353 Golden Gate Ave Upper Rockridge Delores Thom 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	3BD/2 BA	2-4:30	$629,000
1124 Mandana Blvd Crocker Highlands Teri Carlisle 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	4BD/2 BA	1-4:00	$619,000
6925 Shepard Canyon Rd Montclair Teri Carlisle 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	4BD/3BA	1-4:00	$605,000

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5863 Chelton Dr Montclair Sandi Klemmer & Dick Cohen 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	2 + BD/2BA	1-4:00	$599,000
320 Lee St #1302 Adams Point Stan Hammond 510-531-7000 x346 Wells & Bennett Rltrs.	2BD/2BA	2-4:30	$549,000
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5945 Keith Rockridge Alberto Mainardi 510-655-1060 Prudential CA Rlty	3 + Bd/1Ba	2-4	$518,000
21 Moss Ave Dulex 1/1 down, 3/1 up. Debbi DiMaggio 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	-BD/-BA	2-4:30	$519,000
7415 Altura Pl Candice Economide, Prudential CA Realty, 845-0200	3bd/-	2-4	$475,000
699 Arimo Trestle Glen Yehuda Ben-David 510-339-9290 Prudential Ca Realty	2 - BD/2BA	2-4:30	$469,000
6815 Ridgewood Dr Montclair Hal Castle 510-339-9778 La Salle Properties	3BD/2 + BA	2:00-4:30	$459,000
2871 Morgan Lincoln Heights Rachel Baller 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3Bd/2Ba	2-4:30	$449,000
6511 Dana RED OAK, 510-280-2110, Patrick	2BD/1BA	1-4	$449,000
1900 Gaspar Montclair Barbara Roesller 510-531-7000 x264 Wells & Bennett Rltrs.	5BD/3BA	2-4:30	$439,000
6767 Sims Dr Piedmont Sdle George Karsant 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3bd/1 Ba	1-4	$429,000
97 Montell St Piedmont Ave Area Davidd Kerr, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-9571	2 - BD/2BA	2-4:30	$395,000
282 Whitmore St Development Potential - Piedmont Ave Judy Rankankan 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	3 + BD/2BA	2-4:30	$389,000
4035 Balfour Crocker Highlands Carol Robbiano 510-531-7000 x292 Wells & Bennett Rltrs.	3BD/2BA	2-4:30	$379,000
32920 Norton Laurel Vicky Faulk 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3bd/2Ba	1-4	$375,000
3733 - 13th Av [illegible] Rosie Nysaether, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-9577	2BD/1BA	2-4:30	$369,000
4653 Edgewood Ave Glenview Kathleen Callahan 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3BD/-BA	2-4:30	$369,000
4665 Fair Ave [illegible] Rita Harrington 510-428-0900 Prudential CA Rlty	2 - Bd/2Ba	2-4:30	$359,000
33 Ironwood Georgia Richardson, Richardson R.E., 510-569-3499	3BD/2.5BA	2-4:30	$359,000
3850 Fruitvale Ave [illegible] Arnold Mueller, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-9577	3BD/2 - BA	2-4:30	$359,000
324 Hemphill Barara Kaplan, Marvin Gardens, 559-2910	1Bd/1Ba	2-4	$349,000
695 Walavista Crocker Highlands Angela Wei Grubb 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	4 + BD/2BA	2-4:30	$349,000
1908 Clemens [illegible] Ellen Lancaster 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	2 + Bd/1Ba	2-5	$349,000
4001 Canon Ave Glenview, Live/Work Altenative Carolynn Hartley, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-9588	-BD/-BA	2-4:30	$349,000

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3826 Brighton Ave. Kathleen Crandal, Prudential CA Realty, [illegible]	2 - [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
9244 Golf Links Oakland Jjon Dunn 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
438 Dyke Ave. Wendy Bakkensta, Marvin Gardens R.E. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
#1 Redding Place Sunday 2-4. Agt. Anna, (510) 532-2562	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7947 Sanford St Oakland Anne Bruff 510-531-7000 [illegible]	2BD/1BA	[illegible]	[illegible]
3224 Brookdale Av Oakland Joan E Hause 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3BD/1BA	[illegible]	[illegible]
2928 Filbert St Duplex flow West Oakland Veneesa Timon Smith, Prudential CA Realty [illegible]	-BD/-BA	[illegible]	[illegible]
2415 Damuth Ave Dimond Diane Earl McCan 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	2BD/BA	[illegible]	[illegible]
645 Chetwood #104 Oakland Graig Shane 510-339-9290 Prudential Ca Realty	1BD/1BA	[illegible]	[illegible]
280 Caldecott #101 Oakland Hills Jeffrey Himmel 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	1BD/1BA	[illegible]	[illegible]
750 Oakland Ave. #304 By Owner (510) 663-7069. Brokers welcome	1 BD/1 BA	[illegible]	[illegible]
6524 Whitney St Oakland/Berkeley Border Natalie Lynch 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	2 BD/1BA	[illegible]	[illegible]
245 Montecito Ave #202 Adams Point Patsy Buhler 510-287-5810 Wells & Bennett Rltrs.	1BD/1BA	[illegible]	[illegible]
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500 Vernon, Unit 316 Marvin Kurtzer 510-287-9886 Prudential [illegible]	1BD/1BA	[illegible]	[illegible]
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150 Pearl #106 DiAllen Thompson, 510-845-0200 Prudential [illegible]	1Bd-Ba	[illegible]	[illegible]
4148 Bayo St. Carmen Estrada, 510-845-0200 Prudential [illegible]	1Bd-Ba	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
5621 Burlingame Joan Underwood, Marvin Gardens, [illegible]	2bd/1ba	[illegible]	[illegible]
5621 Burlingame Joan Underwood, Marvin Gardens R.E. [illegible]	2bd/1ba	[illegible]	[illegible]
1630 Mariposa [illegible]	2bd/1ba	[illegible]	[illegible]

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152 Garretson RED OAK, 510-280-2144, Cindy	2BD/1BA	[illegible]	[illegible]

VALLEJO

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629 Valle Vista Ave Daisy Tan, Prudential CA Realty, [illegible]	3 BD/3BA	[illegible]	[illegible]

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WHO'S ON FIRST??

■ Joycie Mack, Vice President and Branch Manager of Fidelity National Title Company announced the hiring of a new Marketing Representative. Bridget Cain will be joining Mack at the Oakland branch of Fidelity. Cain has been a title marketing representative for the last two years. If you'd like to wish her well call 510-893-8100.

■ California Home Loans has announced a new addition to the company. Denise Sonnier, of Alameda is joining CHL, as Regional Loan Consultant. Her territory will cover the East Bay area. Sonnier can be reached at 510-521-6083 or email her at DeniseS@CalSavings.com.

■ "Expect the same great service, only their location has changed," said Alameda County Sales Manger, Paula Iacomini of North American Title Company. Iacomini comment refers to the recent move of Marketing Representative Scott Thompson and Senior Escrow Officer JoAnne Lotspeich. Both formerly of the Solano Avenue branch in Albany, can now be found at North American's Montclair branch. Thompson and Lotspeich can be reached at 510-339-2380.

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Panoramic View!.....$865,000
Hiller Highlands, lovely downslope end unit, approx. 2650 sq. ft. 2 fireplaces, upgraded 2+BD/3BA.
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Big Bay Views!.....$389,000
From a great small house. Super loc. Open flr plan. Frpl, hdwd firs, deck to view the sunsets! 2BD/1BA
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✱**Open Sunday 2-4!...$375,000**
2424 West, Berkeley. Custom 1927 2+BD/1BA upper, full basement with 3rd room + 1/4BA lower level. In-law potential! Yard with deck.
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✱**Victorian Fourplex....$375,000**
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✱**North Berkeley Charm.....$360,000**
1696 Sacramento, Open 2-5. 3BD/2BA plus 2 att. studios. Mediterranean charm! Near BART. New listing! Rayne Palmer 510-526-5143

✱**Walk to Solano Ave....$299,000**
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WEST COUNTY

✱**Fabulous Bay, City, GG Views.....$625,000**
Open Sunday 1:30-4:30, 203 Willamette, Kensington. Beautiful remod 3BD/2BA Colonial. Old world charm and updated conveniences. Grand sun-filled rooms. Ideal family home. Annie Walrand 510-849-3711, 510-835-6219

✱**Wonderful Opportunity!.....$499,000**
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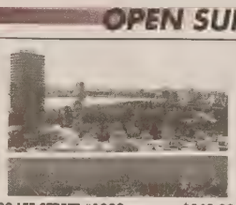
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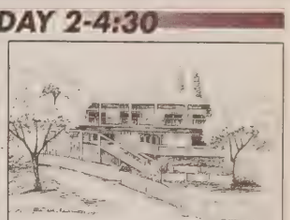
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WALNUT CREEK: 100 Kinross Dr. #37. 1BD/1BA $155K. Agt. 925/518-6045

706 Alameda

NEW LISTING 519 TAYLOR 2BD/1BA, Open Sun. 2-4 $319,000. Dan, (415) 441-0967

707B American Canyon

2 STORY 3bd,2½ba Approx 1500 sf. Built In '92. Many extras 753 Deerfield Dr. $238,000 (707) 554-3420 evenings/wknds by appt.

708 Antioch

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715 Concord

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717 Danville

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720 El Sobrante

OPEN HOUSE Nov 12, 1-4, Nov. 18, 2-5, Nov. 19, 1-4, 3bd/2½ba 100 Travalini Ct. $369K. 1-888 501-4624

722 Kensington

NEW Listing surrounded by nature. 3BA/1BA, hdwd flr. huge lot Tilden Prk Open Sat/Sun 1-4 602 Canon Dr Kensington $499K 510 527-4076 Agt

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TERRIFIC 5 year new home on cul-de-sac. A 10. Open Sun. 1 - 4 PM. 4757 Canopy Ln. Call Nancy 925-371-9600

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728 Pinole

EXTRA SHARP 4BD in Pinole Shores. Only $315,000. Call agent 510-799-0885

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BY OWNER. 3BD/1BA, 2 car gar. Open Sun. 11/5, 10-2 P.M. $270,888 2136 Ahneita Dr. 925/686-9888

3BD/1BA Remod 2418 Geraldine Dr $299 500 11-3 PM OWNER 925 671 9663

730A Pleasanton

1BD/1BA Condo. 1 car garage. $219,900 Exclusive Listing. (925) 560-9517

732 Richmond

HUD OWNED Bid date 11/7 1937 Van Ness St 3BD/2BA. $160K. Brkr. 877/490-8855 www.publicrealty.com/sf

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GREAT court loc. Close to schls New cpt paint roof & more 3BD,2BA, 1370sf, 16 Marilyn Pl. (925) 828-0701 By owner, brokers welcome

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Alameda

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1132 VERSAILLES AVE
SAT ONLY 9-11
Lots of stuff. Some Antiques, kitchen gifts

HUGE MOVING SALE
SUN ONLY 8-3
St
(off San Jose)
garden games sm stuff home remod clothes & more

BAND BOOSTERS
FALL YARD SALE
SAT 8-12
1250 FERNSIDE
household items clothes, food stuff. AHS Marching Band performs at 9:30
Refreshments avail

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FRI SAT 9-4
ESTATE FROM 1948
GROCERY STORE
labeled fruit crates, beer/soda signs, scale, cigar boxes, rack w/hooks, barrel cooler w/cart, display shelves, old kitchen table, sofas, bed, misc

MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale
Bay Farm Island
ANDERSON RD.
(at Smith Ct.)
Only Nov 11, 8-2
furniture clothing, and housewares

1407 PEARL ST.
SAT (11/11) 10-?
NO EARLY BIRDS!
Furniture adult and children's clothing, shoes, toys, stuffed animals, etc.

SUN. NOV. 12th, 9-2
RAIN or SHINE
Tools power tools, hshld & kitchen items, clothes, lots of stuff & a desk
720 Paru St

Albany

SAT 11/11 ONLY, 9-3
627 Curtis St
Furniture treasures, household items

Antioch

ARTSY FARTSY STUFF!
SUNDAY ONLY
8 A.M. TO NOON
918 ALMOND ST.
BEEDE PARK

Antioch

ESTATE SALE
Sat. 11/11 only, from 8-4
Antiques, tools, jewelry, 50s & 60s stuff, fabric, TV, VCR, old books, glassware, furn., silver items, toys, fur pieces, Pokemon cards, adult & kids clothing, old records, old sheet music, & more!
3130 Kodiak St.
(Hillcrest/Golden Bear)

GARAGE SALE
Fri., Sat & Sun., 8-Noon
21 Russell Dr.
Exercise cycles, '92 15HP O/B motor, assorted clothing & assorted misc. items, plus misc. plumbing & misc. electrical

GARAGE SALE
Fri. & Sat. 8-2
Nov. 10th & 11th
Lots of Household Items, clothing like new, toys, luggage, books, misc. Hillcrest and Country Hills to
4972 Parkgreen Circle

GARAGE SALE 11/11 10-4
Kitchen; household; clothes; toys.
HOUSEHOLD 11/12 10-4
sngl. bed; coffee tbl.; occas. chr. & misc. items
(925) 458-1594
55 PACIFICA Ave. #69

GARAGE SALE
Sat. 11/11, 9-3 PM
2408 Willow Ave.
Furniture, Clothes, household goods, freezer. & much more

HUGE
Beanie Babies, name brand kids clothes, toys, furniture, books, fireplace, dishes, housewares.
Lone Tree to Indian Hill to
5101 TOYON CT.
Sat-Sun 11/11-12, 9-6

HUGE MULTI FAMILY SALE
FRI SAT. 9-5
Elect stv.; collectible #1 issues comics; kids toys; clothes; furn.; other.
PRICED TO GO!
4305 Silva St.

MOVING SALE
Sat. 8-2/Nov. 11th
Everything goes! Quality Stuff! Misc. household & Christmas items. Off Hillcrest & Wildhorse to Meadowlake to 4201 Amargosa

MOVING SALE
Thurs. & Fri. 11/9-10, 10-5
Sat. 11/11, 8-5
Living rm./patio furniture, washer/dryer, dining rm. set, household items, clothes, and more
4804 Pineview Way

MULTI FAMILY SALE
FRI. SAT. 8-1
Furn.; baby items; kitchenware, bikes; toys; games; clothing; lots more!
4041 Boulder Dr.

SAT. NOV. 11, 8-3
3215 KODIAK ST.
(off Golden Bear)
Boys & girls bikes, bunkbeds, kitchen table, + many other items

SAT. NOV. 11th, 7-2
Canoe, stereo, camcorder, CD's, movies, toys, clothes, country decor, misc. electronics & computer items.
2612 Strawberry Ct.
myhouse925@aol.com

Antioch

SATURDAY (and maybe Sunday) 9am-3pm
712 W. 11th St.
Lots of baby items, household items, everything must go! We're moving!

SATURDAY Nov. 11th and SUNDAY Nov. 12th, 8-4
1100 Danberry Court
(Hillcrest, Tregalles and Harbour)
Drsr, desk, piano, organ, chairs bookcase, small cement mixer, lots more!

Bethel Island

Moving Sale- Marina
Everything Must Go.
Furniture household goods both electric & contractors hand tools, ladders, cabs boats & equipment, ski tubes, skis, life jackets etc.
Nov. 11th/12th & 18th 19th
Ann & Chucks Boat Harbor
4230 Stone Rd

Brentwood

SAT. NOV. 11, 7-3
703 BEATRICE ST
(off Dainty)
Dining table, chairs, china cabinet, brass ship, crystal, stuffed animals, and household items

Concord

BARN Sale From an Estate
Fri.-Sun. Nov. 10-12 8-4:30
ANYTHING & EVERYTHING
1931 Ayers Rd.

ESTATE SALE
FRI., SAT. & SUN.
8am-2pm
1162 St. Francis Dr
Everything must go after 40 years! Furn., hunting items, Xmas, sewing, kitchen & garage stuff & much more!

3 FAMILY FROM WALNUT CREEK MOVING SALE.
Furn.; Antiques; lovley things & much more.
1269 DAVID AVE.
Off Bancroft. Red Barn
Fri. Sat. 8-4

2 FAMILY SALE
RAIN or SHINE!
Oak dining set, furn., hshld. goods & more!
SUN. NOV. 12th, 9-2
4842 Wolf Way
(off Clayton Rd.)

GARAGE SALE
Fri. 10-4, Sat 8-4, Sun. 8-2
4037 Glendale Ave
Fishing gear, old & used rods become new! Must see! Rubber raft, radial arm saw, tools, refrig., futon, plant/trees, jewelry, luggage, to much to list.

GARAGE SALE
Sat. (11/11) 8-12 p.m.
1867 Jefferson St.
Furn., kid's games, clothing

GARAGE SALE
Sat./Sun. Nov. 11-12 12-5
Blk. entertainment center, blk. book case, clothes, kit. items, books, & more
2312 Panoramic Dr.

Concord

Multi-Family
• • GARAGE SALE • •
Furn., books, clothes, kid's toys, collectibles, & more!
4249 Sherwood Ct.
Saturday 11/11 from 9-2pm

SAT. NOV. 11, 9-3
Baby & kids items, clothes, toys, dressers, & much more!
4206 GLADSTONE DR.
(off Cowell & Treat)

SAT., NOV 11 ONLY, 8-12
Cash only Household items, clothes, knick knacks & more
Rain Cancels Sale
1573 SUTHERLAND CT
Cross Street
Clayton Rd. & Ayers

SAT 11/11 ONLY, 8:30-2
2570 Cloverdale Ln
(off Detroit)
Mouldings, hardwood, very large quanity. Base, crown, casing. Much more

1049 Shary Cir.
Warehouse sale of major theater Co. Tools, furniture, costumes, props, & more!
Everything must go!
Sunday 11/12, from 8-??

Danville

DOLL SALE!
Artist-signed limited edition & some used dolls
Toys & Assorted Items!!
• 33 VELASCO CT. •
SAT. 11/11, 9AM-4PM
Info. (925) 837-3781

MULTI FAMILY SALE
Sat. only, Nov. 11th, 8-4
Snowboard, ski and golf equip., 2000 IBM computer, Nautilus work station, trampoline and much more
2100 Blackhawk Rd
(by Mt. Diablo entrance)

MULTI FAMILY SALE
Fri-Sat 11/10-11, 8-4
1245 GREENBROOK DR
Toys, books, clothing, baby & household items, filing cabinets & much more!
Priced Right To Go
No Early Birds

SATURDAY 8:30-2
Collectibles; furn.; Chandelier; 2 Anderson kitchen windows
324 RUTHERFORD DR.
Off Hartford Rd

SATURDAY ONLY
8am-1pm
1129 Delta Way
(off El Capitan)
Furn., toddler bed, car seat, kids' toys, lots of books, clothes, vacuum, Berber area rug & more!

Three Generations of oddities & collectibles.
400 Princeton Ln.
Nov. 10, 11 & 12 - 9-3
Weather permitting

Diablo

MOVING SALE
SAT. NOV. 11th, 9 A.M.
RAIN or SHINE
Furn., oval oak dinette set, tapestry, tools, camping, ski, baby access, yd. equip, wht. flocked Xmas tree
2218 Caballo Ranchero Ct

Discovery Bay

5 FAMILY SALE!
110 DISCOVERY BAY BL
SUNDAY 11/12, 8AM-3PM
Ski equipment, household items, Christmas items, and much more!!

GARAGE SALE
Sat. 11/11 7-2
4453 Clipper Dr.
Alum boat; Go-cart; toys furn.; clothing & misc household items

SAT & SUN 11/11-12
8-5
4813 South Point
Hshld. & clothes.

Dublin

MOVING SALE
EVERYTHING MUST GO!
Fri./Sat. 11/10 & 11/11, 9-4
(RAIN or SHINE)
Furn., entertain ctr., patio furn., small applis., books, pictures, Christmas items, tools, edger, plants and numerous misc items!
7834 Crossridge Rd
Dougherty to Willow Creek
(925) 829-1526

El Cerrito

ESTATE SALE
Sat. 11/11 9am-4pm
Household items; linens; dishes; furn.; tools, lots of misc treasures
Great Bargains to be had
2012 Mira Vista Dr.

El Sobrante

Everything Must Go
Rain or Shine
Nov 10th & 11th 8am-5pm
5640 OLINDA RD
Day Care equip. & toys, furn., clothing, appliances

Hercules

SAT. NOV. 11th, 9-4
½ Ton pickup, tools, rims, color TV, dinette set, linens, crafts & more.
106 Oak Ct.
(off Redwood)

Lafayette

FAMILY GARAGE SALE
SAT SUN 9-4
NO early birds
Clothing, toys; furn.; books computer software; more!
Plan for Christmas now!
3364 Victoria Ave.

GARAGE SALE
43 Years of Treasures
Saturday (11/11), 9-4 p.m.
3278 Sweet Dr.
Toys, tools, auto stuff, elec waterheater, hdwre, shelving, cabs, hswrs, computer stuff, rocks, paper supplies, books, fabric, elec blankets
CHEAP & FREEBIES!!

SAT. ONLY 11/11 10-4
920 Reliez Station Rd.
Wood ladders: 6', 8', 12', something for everyone

Lafayette

SAT./SUN 11/11-12 9-4
21 St. Julie Ct
(off Morello/Chilpancingo)
Cross country; wall unit, W/D; lthr. couch & chr.; stereo cab.; WP, applis hshld./kit. sports equip clothes, tools; books

Livermore

GARAGE SALE
Sat. 11/11, 8:30-5
4377 Colgate Way
East Ave to Lyola to Jackson to Colgate
Adult/toddler clothing some furn. & toddlers beds, elect equip. & more good stuff

1383 MARIGOLD RD
Sat., Nov. 11, 8:00 A M
NO EARLY BIRDS
27" TV $100; Oak entertainment ctr., $200, kid's toys, baby items, and other misc household goods

MOVING SALE
SAT 11/11, 9-5
5443 BETTY CIR
(off Katrina)
Stove, dishwasher - 3 yrs., crib, girls dbl. bed, baby items, toys, floral supplies, and more!

MOVING SALE
Sunday 11/12, 9-2
2279 Norwood Road
Furniture, lamps, decorator items, rugs, plants & more!

MOVING SALE
2354 Tapestry Dr.
Sat. 11/11 8 - 2 PM
Home, office & patio furn Computer accessories, games, toys, & much more

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOV. 11th & 12th, 7 A.M
2 Motorcycles, jet ski, hobbie planes, train tables & trains, records, books, hshld & lots of misc. items
575 North M St
(925) 456-2924

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Sun. Nov. 12, 7-1
821 Yosemite Dr.
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Martinez

1449 BROWN ST.
(off Pacheco Blvd.)
Sat. Only 11/11, 8-12
Toyota construction frame, misc, baby clothes to extra large

ESTATE SALE
FRI. SAT 8:30-2:30
50 Years Accumulation
Furn.; sm. applis.; kitchenware; linens; sewing; lots glassware & tools antiques; collectibles
3410 Estudillo St

GARAGE SALE
SAT. only 8-3
Lots of great stuff!
401 Orchard View Ave.
Behind Old Costco in Westaire

GARAGE SALE
Sat-Sun. Nov. 11-12
Hideabed, loveseat, easy chair, ottoman, tbls., lamps, Cal gym, Art deco day bed & misc. 3430 Ricks Ave. 925/229-2621

GRAND OPENING SALE
WESTERN LINEN FACTORY OUTLET
Mon - Sat. 10 - 4 PM
40-60% Below Retail
203 Howe Road.
(Corner of Pacheco Blvd.)
(925) 335-2900

Grand Opening

MOVING SALE
2 Couch sets, recliner, tbl., chrs., lamps, clothes, firewood, misc. 925/372-7830
Sun., 11/12 8 A.M.-4 Noon
925 GRANDVIEW AVE (behind county bldg. dwntwn.)

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
SAT 11/11 & SUN 11/12
8-4PM
301 F. St.
(Near downtown Safeway)
Clothes, books, household items & much more!

MULTI-FAMILY SALE
Large boxing bag, large igloo doghouse, bedding, clothes, toys, lots lots more
Saturday (11/11) 8-12
4068 Via De Flores

SUPER GARAGE SALE
209 KNOWLWOOD CT.
Knick-knacks, collectibles, bath accessories, sheets, dishwasher, exercise equip., & loads of other hshld. stuff!
Sat. Only 11/11, 9-3

Moraga

DON'T MISS THIS!
4 WILLIAMS DR.
(Moraga Rd. to Lucas)
SUN. NOV. 12, 8-2
Pictures, housewares, clothing, Christmas, bike, draperies, toys, glassware, & lots lots more!

Moraga

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SATURDAY 11/11 10-3
166 Selborne Wy.
Throw rugs; doormats beach towels, bath towels, bed, bookshelf; tbl. linens

Oakland

7 BUCKLEY COURT
(Joaquin Miller Rd Butters Dr. 7 Buckley Ct.)
Computer desk, baby basinette; lamps; kilim rug, kids clothes; baby equip., ski racks; framed art; and MORE! 11/11/00
Sat. only 9 am 3 pm

4 FAMILY SALE!
360 MONTE VISTA
(Btwn. Oakland Ave. & Piedmont Ave.) Sat & Sun 11/11-12, 9am-3pm. Lots of furniture & treasures!

HUGE SALE!
SAT. 9-4
LOTS OF GOOD STUFF!
1415 Allman St.
Off Park Blvd Behind Edna Brewer JRHS

★ Major Moving Sale ★
5833 BALMORAL DR.
Sat.-Sun., 11/11-12, 9-3
(off Skyline & Redwood Rd Nr. Skyline High School)
Antiques-hsehld & ofc. furn '97 Jeep, 10' folding boat w/motors & fish equip., Elec. keyboard, Mitsubishi 45" TV, hammered dulcimer lg. recliner, exercise equip., wheel chr., din. rm sideboards, chinese Chippendale din. rm., 9x12 Chinese rug & much more
RAIN OR SHINE

MULTI FAMILY SALE
SUN NOV 12th, 10-3
(no early birds)
Health equipment, electronic equipment, furniture, games, books & lots more
10 Blehs Ct. (off Harboard, upper Rockridge)

SAT. NOV. 11, 9-3
3951 HUNTINGTON ST
Benefiting a non-profit hospital volunteer group
MPI Alumni Assoc.
Household goods, all sorts of items to choose from

SAT NOV. 11, 9-3
163 RISHELL DR.
(Oakland Hills at Skyline & Redwood,
Hshld items, photo equip., tools, furniture, & more!

Oakley

BLOCK SALE
SAT NOV 11th, 8-2
Misc. hshld. items, tools, furniture, clothing, baby accessories & more
4860 Trenton St
(Hwy. 4 to Empire to Oakley Rd. to Trenton)

FINAL ESTATE SALE
SAT. NOV. 11, 8-1
Rain Or Shine
1834 Hamburg (off Charles)
Elec., plumbing & contractors supplies, hand tools Makita power tools, generator, maple bdrm set, qn bed, linens, clothes, kitchenware, appliances.
EVERYTHING FREE AT 1:30

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10-4
Nov 10th, 11th & 12th
1682 Pecan Ln.
(Hwy. 4, left on Teakwood)

FRI./SAT. 11/10-11/11, 8-4
(RAIN or SHINE)
Kid's & adult clothes, dishes, curtains, camper shell, tools, games, toys, other misc knick-knacks.
4170 Mehaffey Way
(off Chianti)

Orinda

HOUSEHOLD SALE!
Fr./Sa./Su. 11/10-12, 9-4
147 ARDITH DR. (off Ivy)
Flexible Flyer sled & horse child's pedal car, 5 TV's, 3 VCR's, waterbed, near new King & Twin matts., sofas, dressers, & chests. Lots of power tools, 1984 Buick, 1983 Honda Silverwing, handmade quilts & more

HUGE GARAGE SALE
SAT NOV 11th 8-4
3 YARD SALES
(side-by-side)
1, 5 & 9 Hillcrest Dr
(near Glorietta School)
Some furn., hshld. items, books, tools & much more!

20 YEARS OF GD. STUFF!
Antique quilts & 19th cent. coverlets, 2 antique trunks (wood/lthr.), classic dollhse, antique luggage, beaut. antique Singer in mahog cab., port bsktball hoop, kid's bike, games, toys, lots of boy's & teen girl's clothes, compact car cover, beanie babies, Victorian throw pillows, lots more
Sat., Nov. 11, 8-2 P.M.
218 Hall Dr/off Moraga Way

Piedmont

SAT. NOV. 11th, 9-4
Furniture, kitchen & housewares, children's clothes, some toys & books, linens, misc items, all good cond
506 Scenic Ave
(cross street Bell)

Pinole

2650 Emma Dr.
Lots of misc. Antiques, twin bed, & antique records!
Something for everyone
FRI. 11/10 & SAT 11/11 from 9 AM to 4 PM
with new items on Saturday

3 FAMILY YARD SALE
Tons Of Stuff!
2676 SIMAS AVE
(off Pinole Valley Rd.)
SAT NOV 11 ONLY 8-4
Rain Or Shine
No Early Birds

MOVING SALE
Sat Nov 11, 9-5
Sun Nov 12, 1-5
708 ANTONIA CT
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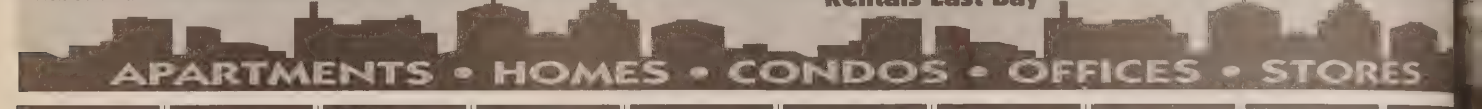
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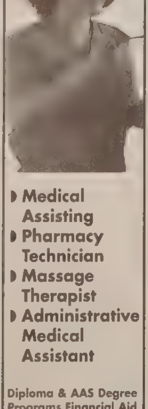
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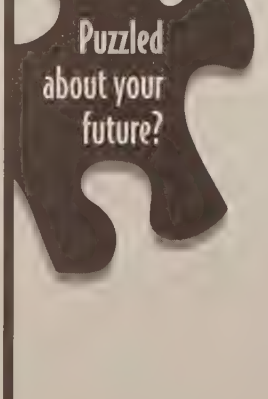
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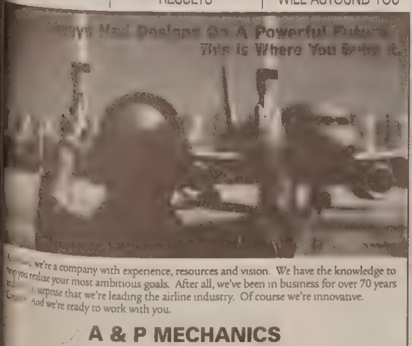
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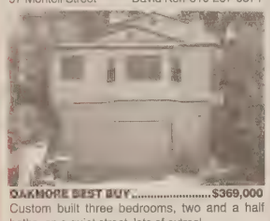
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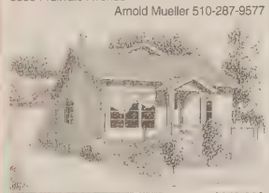
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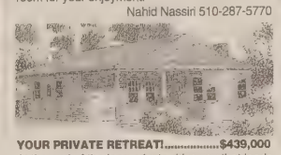
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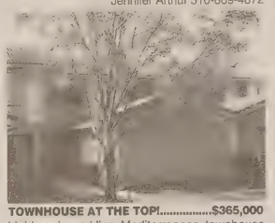


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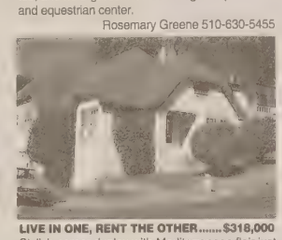
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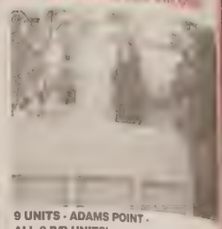


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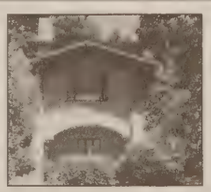


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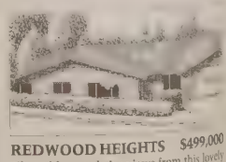
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How are your emotions?

A variety of feelings and emotions made the week before the final week one of the craziest ever.

Confusion: Who turned out the lights? When your season is not going well you're not surprised by anything. But when the power went out on Richmond and Encinal Friday night it brought bad luck to a whole new level.

It was homecoming for the Oilers and a real disappointment for both teams thinking they had a real chance to win. Encinal was 3-5 coming into the game Richmond 1-7. The two coaches Tom Childs and Jack Schram played the game Monday, and will play this weekend even though the rules say you can't play two games in a week.

Elation: You see the Berkeley Yellowjackets play each year and wonder why with such great talent they don't win more.

I remember well coach Mike Tuiasosopo and the fine teams he brought to Berkeley's astro-turf field before he moved on to coach college ball. His answering machine message said, "The true sign of character is what you do when no one is watching."

Now the Yellowjackets have a coach with similar qualities. Former Green Bay Packer and Oakland Raider Gary Weaver has his team playing well. The Yellowjackets were fundamentally sound in their win over El Cerrito Friday to take share of the Alameda Contra Costa league lead. Berkeley contained El Cerrito's speed on offense and scored enough to win 12-7.

The league is now a mess with Pinole also at 4-1 entering the final week, which I'm hoping it will be a little more normal.

Pain and frustration: Miramonte's win over Campo gave the Dons the Diablo-Foothill league title. But when the Dons showed up at Sports Focus to tape the show, which aired Saturday night at seven they were anything but thrilled. In the game Campo quarterback John Grubin went down with a broken collarbone. The Cougars have no other quarterback.

Head coach Kevin Macy knew he was taking a chance having Grubin and no one else. But Grubin had been more than durable during his career at Campo. The injury left the offense in trouble, but the Campo defense did a fine job slowing down the high-powered Miramonte offense. Miramonte quarterback Marc Guillon told me he's frustrated at the way the offense has played in recent weeks. The Dons play Mt. Diablo this week and will try to get the offense healthy for the playoffs.

Excitement: Hayward's homecoming was everything the Farmers hoped it would be. Arroyo had one of the best records in league coming into the game the Farmers did not. But Hayward has grown this season under Head Coach Casey Moreno.

It was a an 11-yard pass on fourth-and-one from quarterback Anthony Bias to Andre Ward who made a leaping catch that pushed the game into overtime. Both teams scored touchdowns; the difference was the Farmers blocked the Dons extra point attempt. Hayward kicker Jamal Alnagem hit his to end the game.

The dog pile at the end of the game is what this Hayward team will remember from this season.

Confusion: Who turned out the lights part II — When you turn back the clock you might want to consider turning back your starting time. Clayton Valley needed to start their game with Antioch about 45 earlier Friday.

As it was the game had to be postponed because of darkness and continued the next morning. I was shooting The Cal/Foothill game when I got a call from our Sports Focus Producer Mike Delfino with the dilemma. We were shooting the game at Clayton Valley, but would not have a final score in time for our taping Friday night. The

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GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

PANTHER QUARTERBACK JASON WASHINGTON will be leading St. Mary's against Piedmont on Saturday.

Panthers will run into some Scots over weekend

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

To beat St. Mary's, Piedmont must stop Trestin George. To beat Piedmont, St. Mary's must stop Drew Olson, Peter Schneider, Ben Rubke

The team with the most weapons (Piedmont) might not win Saturday's big game, which starts at 1:30 p.m. in Berkeley, because George, if he is on, can tilt the balance in the Panthers' favor. He can keep Piedmont's varied offense off the field.

Both Piedmont (8-1, 4-0) and St. Mary's (6-3, 4-0) know they must win to secure the Bay Shore Athletic League's automatic spot in the North Coast Section playoffs. The Highlanders are in better shape; even with a loss, they would be 8-2 and one of the top candidates for an at-large sport. Strength of schedule (McClymonds, Tennyson, etc.) is not a positive for the Scots.

If the Panthers were to lose, they would be on the NCS "bubble" at 6-4. Their strength of schedule would be considered — they have lost to Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League leaders El Cerrito and Pinole Valley and also Riordan of San Francisco, which is on track to win its first West Catholic Athletic League title in years. St. Mary's had the tougher schedule.

Prep football

Tied for first place in the BSAL, the St Mary's Panthers will face the Piedmont Highlanders at St. Mary's at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 11.

Both teams are coming off big wins last week. Piedmont downed Albany 38-8 and St. Mary's shut out John Swett 42-0.

For Piedmont, quarterback Drew Olson leads the team, despite having an off game against Albany. The Cougars threw him some new looks on defense, and the junior quarterback completed 17 of 31 passes for 186 yards. Olson had 11 incompletions in the first half. Favorite receiver Peter Schneider caught 10 passes for 116 yards and two touchdowns.

The big improvement for Piedmont, and one the Panthers will have to counter, is in the running game. The Highlanders

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Panthers block Pilots in BSAL opener, win 3-1

Warren, Pratt combine for 19 kills in victory

By Bill Kruissink
SPORTS EDITOR

ALAMEDA — The St. Joseph Notre Dame Pilots hardly knew what hit them. Third in the Bay Shore Athletic League, they'd beaten the sixth-place St. Mary's Panthers twice in going 9-4 in league.

And now this.

Playing in the first round of the BSAL championships, the Panthers came out on fire against the Pilots, attacking at the center of the net and serving deep and accurately. A step ahead of St. Joe all night, St. Mary's reversed a pair of 3-1 regular season losses to St. Joe by winning 15-9, 5-15, 15-11, 15-4 at St. Joseph.

Prep girls' volleyball: BSAL championships

St. Mary's	3
St. Joseph	1

"We really, really wanted this game and everybody knew they could do it," Panther middle blocker Kamaiya Warren said. "We just hung together and we came out as a team."

Indeed the Panthers did. Getting crisp, short sets from Liz Spivey, teammates Warren, Ronice Sweet, Kristina Shapona and Jasmin Pratt tore into a solid Pilot defense.

Trailing for much of the first game, the Panthers began to reverse things when a Sweet kill cut the Pilots lead to 8-7. Minutes later, Shapona followed with a lightning kill for a sideout. Akilah Wilhite then stepped to the service line and unleashed five consecutive winners to put the Panthers up 12-8.

Wilhite was helped by Pratt, who racked up a couple of kills from the left corner.

With Pratt at the service line two sideouts later, Warren spiked the game into St. Mary's win column, 15-9.

For St. Joe, which had tripped St. Mary's in four just three weeks before, this was unexpected.

"After beating them twice in the regular season, we expected to win this match," Pilot coach Marcus Young said. "St. Mary's played great. This is the best I've seen them play."

Not that the Pilots (13-10) were about to fold. They came all the way back from a 5-0 deficit in the second game to win 15-5. Leading the counter attack was Angelica Jones, who ran off four service points to close to within one, 5-4 (the run ended with Malia Mau scoring on a block of a Warren hit), then a three-point run by Mau, who evened the score on a kill by Allison Wainwright and ended the run with an ace.

And the Pilots kept charging in the second game, getting kills by Tamara Webster and Sabrina Sudarsana and a loud block from Jones on the way to closing the deal, 15-5.

The Panthers, however, did not blink. Trailing 11-2 in the third game, St. Mary's edged back into contention as its outside hitters began to pick the Pilots apart. A mounting number of kills by Pratt (eight kills) and Warren (11) got the Panthers close, then Spivey aced the clubs even at 11-11.

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

ALBANY QUARTERBACK YAW YIADOM scrambled from the grasp of Piedmont's Ben Kremen during their game at Cougar Field on Nov. 3. The Highlanders won 38-8.

Strong Cougar effort comes up short

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

The Albany Cougars had the right idea against Piedmont last Friday afternoon, but turnovers and a lack of depth finally torpedoed a valiant effort in a 38-8 loss to the Highlanders.

The Cougars (1-8, 1-3) end their season with a 1:30 p.m. game at Kennedy-Richmond on Saturday afternoon.

Prep football

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Piedmont (8-1, 4-0) was heavily favored and was obviously looking forward to its BSAL championship game against St. Mary's on Saturday. While the Highlanders were never in serious trouble against the Cougars, St. Mary's assistant coach Jay Lawson was in the stands, noting how Albany defended Piedmont quarterback Drew Olson and how the Cougars' offense was able to move the ball.

With more and better personnel (such

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Berkeley's win: crowded at top

By Phil Jensen
TIMES STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — Berkeley High School football coach Gary Weaver wanted his defense to concentrate on tackling in its match-up with El Cerrito Friday.

Mission accomplished.

The Yellowjackets wrapped up a potent Gauchos offense and limited it to 146 yards in a 12-7 Berkeley victory.

"I knew we could stop them if we tackled," said Weaver, who played linebacker in the National Football League for the Oakland Raiders and the Green Bay Packers. "We don't go out to stop one guy. We try to stop what you like to do.

"(Berkeley) played like they should have been playing all year. That was a good team we beat."

Berkeley's victory forced a three-way tie for first place in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League entering next week's league finales. The Yellowjackets, the Gauchos and Pinole Valley all have 4-1 league records, as Pinole Valley beat De Anza 49-14 on Friday.

A player who typified the Yellowjackets' heart Friday was Ramone Reed. The senior running back/linebacker started feeling ill before the game and carried the ball only five times in the first half. But he proceeded to rush five times in the Yellowjackets' time-consuming opening drive of the second half and finished with 19 carries for a game-high 115 yards.

"Win or lose, I couldn't watch my team play. If I'm in uniform, I'm going to play," Reed said.

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Chaos reigns: Where's Mercury



RON SALSIG
Range Rat

My astrologer warned me that Mercury was retrograde last Tuesday, a condition that makes chaos of communications. Chaos reigns. Nobody understands anybody. Best not to do anything important, like hold a Presidential election.

There is a misunderstanding in golf that nothing important happens in November. Nothing but chaos, that is. It's a matter of miscommunication. Most touring pros are playing for their life in Q-School about this time of the year. Like Dean Vomacka of Pleasanton.

Vomacka survived Stage I qualifying for the PGA Tour, and continues in Stage II next week at the Bayonet GC in Monterey. In the meantime he decided to stay sharp, so he entered the Northern California Open this week at Diablo Grande GC.

Vomacka shot a 77 in the first round of the 73-year-old championship, but came storming back with a 70 and a 68. He lost to a guy who shot 78 in the first round.

Shawn Kelly came back with a 68 and a 67 in the final two rounds to take the title by two strokes over Vomacka and Brad Martin of Los Altos, very much impressing his playing partner in the final group, Dong Yi of the Cal golf team.

"Playing with Shawn today really showed me what it takes to be successful," said Yi, who shot 72-74-71 to finish tied for seventh.

Yi, who was tied for the lead going into the final round, won the amateur title. But he really would have liked to see his name on the big trophy, next to names such as Roger Maltbie, Ken Venturi, George Archer and Charles Seaver. This is just one of those venerable championships no one hears about these days, because it is played in November.

Another tournament that receives very little publicity is the Pebble Beach Invitational, which is next week at the same golf course Tiger Woods destroyed in the U.S. Open last June.

This event, once known as "The Spalding," and once nationally televised as the kickoff for tour pros in January, is the only event that pits the four tours against each other head-to-head. Members of the PGA Tour, the Senior PGA Tour, the Buy.com Tour, and the LPGA Tour are all entered, names like Johnny Miller, Kirk Triplett, Jim Thorpe, Bruce Summerhays, Helen Alfredsson, Wendy Ward and Emilee Klein.

And don't think for a moment those ladies can't win. Julie Inkster is a past champion. It's all part of the November chaos.

If you enjoy walking Pebble Beach with top pros and practically no gallery, it will cost you $30 for a season pass. The secret phone number is 877-853-5864. But you can just show up at the gate, there won't be a line.

And if you get tired of Pebble, drive over to the Bayonet Course to watch some golf pros play for their life in that Stage II conflict.

Former People's Open champ Todd Fischer is already in Stage II competition at Deerwood GC in Texas, where he's competing against the likes of Frank Nobilo, Emlyn Aubry, Greg Twiggs, Robert Gamez and Jim Estes, most of whom have won on the PGA Tour, but found themselves qualifying this year through the chaos. Fischer, who has never made it to the final stage, shot a 68 the first round, tied for fourth.

Casey Martin, whose cart case has been appealed to the Supreme Court, is playing in the anonymous Stage II conflict in Mississippi this week. He shot a 67 in the first round to tie for fourth. Former San Jose State star Steve Woods of Pleasanton shot a 72. They're in tough against the likes of Lee Rinker, Guy Boros, Brad Fable, Jay Delsing, Willie Wood ... and Jim Gallagher Jr.

Yes, *that* Jim Gallagher Jr. The guy who beat Greg Norman to win the 1993 Tour Championship at the Olympic Club. Remember, Mercury is retrograde.

There is no golf news in November, they say. Except this: Gary Vanier will not win another San Francisco City or Alameda Commuters title.

Vanier turned pro — again. The Oakland native out of Skyline High (and Stanford) reached the magic age of 50. He is currently in Arizona playing in Stage I qualifying for the Senior PGA Tour, and not playing bad either, shooting a 73 to tie for eighth in the early going.

Bob Boldt, the head pro at Boundary Oak GC in Walnut Creek and former Cal star, shot a 79 in the first round. Ron Parsons of Vallejo shot a 75.

Former Cal star Dave Bosley is in the senior Stage I conflict in Los Angeles with Danville's Jack Berube, but the results from that venue are coming in later than a Florida ballot box.

Did Tiger really win the U.S. Open by 12 shots? Is the Presidential election over with yet?

My astrologer assures me that Mercury will turn direct by the time this column goes to print, on my birthday.

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Berkeley

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The Yellowjackets (4-5 overall) produced eight sacks in the game, as they kept El Cerrito (5-4 overall) quarterback Ricky Gatewood from finding holes for running room. "We wanted to keep our lanes and stop Gatewood from getting around," said Berkeley linebacker Brian Everett, who contributed a key fourth-quarter sack.

Berkeley's defense opened the game by forcing a three-and-out series, and the Yellowjackets started their opening drive on the 50. They marched to the end zone in eight plays, capped by a 1-yard run by Reed.

Both teams' defenses then came up with big stops in the next few series. But El Cerrito appeared to gain the momentum after a Chijioke Onyenegecha 1-yard run and a Peter Magganas PAT with one minute, 18 seconds left in the half gave El Cerrito a 7-6 lead.

Berkeley, however, took the lead for good on a 9-yard run by quarterback Muhammed Nitoto late in the third quarter. The Yellowjackets drove 57 yards on the drive, all on the ground.

The Yellowjackets' defense then held firm, although El Cerrito's final drive of the game made Berkeley sweat. The Gauchos started on their 10-yard-line with 3:50 remaining and progressed to Berkeley's 40 before Gatewood suffered an injury to his left knee while being tackled. A holding penalty was called on El Cerrito on the play, and Tushambi Evans, who caught four passes for 34 yards in the game, replaced Gatewood at quarterback. Evans was sacked by Dwaina McFadden on the next play before Joey Terry-Jones intercepted a pass to end the threat.

Unbeatens

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have rushed for over 400 yards in the last two games with Ben Rubke getting over 200.

St. Mary's knows a thing or two about running. George has inherited the running back spot from the graduated Eddie Smith and scored all six touchdowns (one on a reception) in the victory over John Swett. George came in for the dehydrated Smith in last year's 38-34 defeat at Piedmont. George played well as the Panthers went to the NCS championship game, but he is not the quick, lightening, frightening back that Smith was. George rushed for 218 of St. Mary's' 246 yards in the victory over the Indians.

Panthers quarterback Jason Washington completed just four of eight passes for 61 yards against John Swett, including a 32-yarder to George for a touchdown. Passing is the surprise factor for St. Mary's; as was true last year, if the team has to pass to win, it probably won't.

The win for Piedmont at Albany was beneficial in many ways, and not just in the final score. "It was a day game and it was an away game," coach Pat George said. "We had not play during the day this season and it was only our second one on the road. We'll have to face the same things against St. Mary's but it won't be unfamiliar."

Cougars

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as St. Mary's possesses) Albany did show the way to beat Piedmont.

It all worked pretty much as expected in the first half. The Cougars were able to stop the potent Scots offense on downs the first two times it had the ball; likewise Albany was able to move on offense. Quarterback Yaw Yiadom threw an 18-yard pass to Mark Pisente and Mike Estis had a 10-yard run the first time the Cougars had the ball. Daniel Henderson then punted the ball to the Piedmont 2-yard line, but the Highlanders mounted a 74-yard drive until it died at the Albany 24.

Karl Moore had a nice 14-yard run on Albany's second possession Albany got the ball, but that drive ended when Yiadom, facing a fourth-and-7 on the Piedmont 44, tried to call time out and failed; his carry was stopped three yards short on the misplay but the yardage was there.

Albany's defense, led by linebacker Bryan Reggi, forced Olson into 11 incompletions in the first half. Olson threw 25 times in the first two periods, completing 14, but many passes were thrown away.

Piedmont finally did score when wide receiver Peter Schneider made a twisting, diving 31-yard touchdown catch with 5:12 left in the second quarter.

The Cougars made their first turnover on the next series. Yiadom, attempting to hand off to Peter Waugh, fumbled the ball and Piedmont's Zack Holloway recovered on the Albany 9. One play later, Olson threw to Schneider for eight yards and a touchdown for 14-0.

Albany then drove 67 yards in just five plays to tighten the game up. Yiadom scrambled 21 yards and Karl Moore had a 27-yard run to the Piedmont 41. After Estis gained three yards, Yiadom hit Waugh with a 21-yard touchdown pass. Yiadom ran in the two-point conversion for 14-8.

Piedmont drove from its own 42 to the Albany 36, but an Olson pass was thrown incomplete in the end zone as time ran out.

Yiadom fumbled on Albany's first series in the third quarter and Bill Betts hit a 39-yard field goal for 17-8 with 7:52 left in the quarter. Albany had to punt the next time it had the ball and this time the Highlanders drove 55 yards with Ben Lorencz running 10 yards for the score and a 21-8 lead with 4:35 left for 24-8.

Then came Albany turnover No. 3. Yiadom tried to hit Matt Ball with a pass from his own 18, but Piedmont linebacker Jack Dresnick intercepted it and ran 24 yards for a touchdown for 31-8 with 3:42 remaining in the period.

It was too far back for the Cougars to come back. Ben Rubke scored on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter for the final Piedmont score.

Yiadom completed six of 13 passes for 85 yards and gained 48 yards on 14 carries. Estis had 46 yards in eight carries and Moore had 45 on 5. The Cougars had 233 yards in total offense and allowed 428 yards.

BSAL

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With the momentum all one way now, Pratt ran off four consecutive winners — the last two on kills from Warren — to notch the go-ahead game.

"We wanted it too much," Warren said.

"St. Mary's was scrambling on the floor and ran that middle," Young said. "They took advantage of their size advantage on us. We have no size."

Unfortunately true for the Pilots. Warren, Sugar Vendil and Sweet both had height the Pilots lacked — and they used it. The trio spiked and blocked the Panthers into an early 6-2 lead in the fourth game, then kills by Marisa Diaz had St. Mary's up and serving 8-2. Kills by Pratt and Vendil pushed the lead to 10-2 and still another kill by Warren earned a sideout and gave the service to Pratt.

Behind sharp net play by Warren, Vendil and Spivey, Pratt served out the game and the match, 15-4.

The win landed the Panthers in the BSAL semifinals against Albany. The clubs played last night (past press time), with the victor tackling the winner of the Piedmont-St. Elizabeth match for the title at Piedmont on Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

Post game:

STATS ... Jones had four kills, Mau and Wainwright three each for St. Joe. In addition, Mau had 16 digs, Wainwright 14 and Mau had nine assists.

Pratt led all servers with 16 points. She served out the first, third and fourth games. She also had eight kills and one very remarkable save. With the Panthers trailing 11-10 in the third game, Pratt dove for a tailing spike that had ricocheted off a teammate. Heading out of bounds on the left side of the court, she managed to fist the ball back into play.

Turns out, the Pilots wound up winning a sideout, but Pratt's save made it clear the Panthers were going to contest every ball.

Braunstein

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game would be completed before our Saturday at 7 p.m. airing so we needed a plan. We decided to cut our highlights favoring Clayton Valley. The Eagles were ahead 29-20. As we taped the show I read the script saying despite the delay for darkness Clayton Valley ended up with the win. On Saturday we waited for the final score. We had all our shooters scheduled for other games, so we would not get any potential Antioch heroics on tape.

As it turned out the Panthers did fight back, but came up short 29-26. We added the final score to the highlights on Saturday and had it on the show Saturday night. That was a new one.

Panthers roll past Indians

By Kibby Kleiman
STAFF WRITER

CROCKETT — Trestin George rushed for 218 yards and scored all six of St. Mary's High School's six touchdowns as the Panthers blasted John Swett 42-0 Friday night to stay unbeaten in the Bay Shore Athletic League and set up a showdown next week against Piedmont.

George was stopped for no gain on his first carry, but didn't stop again until his fifth rushing touchdown of the game, a 75-yard run for St. Mary's final points in the game.

His first touchdown came with 9:19 left in the first quarter. George caught his only pass of the night, a short screen from quarterback Jason Washington, and raced 32 yards down the sideline to put St. Mary's up 7-0.

After a Swett turnover, it was George again. He scored on a 4-yard run to give the Panthers (5-3, 4-0 BSAL) a 14-0 lead.

Swett was never able to get anything going offensively. The Indians crossed midfield only twice all evening; and both of those drives ended with interceptions. Swett (2-6, 1-3 BSAL) struggled to keep up on defense as well. The Indians often stopped St. Mary's [illegible] third touchdown. He added another score in the first half, then [illegible] ing on a 6-yard run, to put the away. George had 13 carries [illegible] yards in the first half.

Linebacker Lorenzo Alex[illegible] dominated on defense for the thers. He stuffed Swett's [illegible] drive with a tackle for a loss [illegible] ond-and-two and then overran Jermaine Jackson pass for [illegible] 30 yards to set up a St. Mary's

After the game George said his six-touchdown performance [illegible] a personal best

"It felt good. My line blocked well for me and coach [illegible] nessy made some [illegible] said

While savoring the [illegible] said it was time to [illegible] week. "We're looking forward to [illegible] mont," he said

SCOREBOARD

Football

PREP

ACCAL

	W	L	T	PF	PA	Ovrl
Berkeley	**4**	**1**	**0**	**152**	**114**	**4-5-0**
El Cerrito	**4**	**1**	**0**	**165**	**50**	**5-4-0**
Pinole Valley	4	1	0	192	108	8-1-0
Encinal	2	2	0	108	98	3-5-0
Alameda	2	3	0	60	128	5-4-0
De Anza	1	4	0	109	163	2-7-0
Richmond	0	5	0	52	165	1-7-0

Friday's games
Berkeley 12, El Cerrito 7
Pinole Valley 49, De Anza 14
Encinal at Richmond, ppd., power failure

Nonleague
Granada 35, Alameda 0

Berkeley 12, El Cerrito 7

El Cerrito	0	7	0	0 — 7
Berkeley	6	0	6	0 — 12

B — Reed 1 run (run failed)
EC — Onyenegecha 1 run (Magganas kick)
B — Nitoto 9 run (pass failed)

	EC	B
First downs	12	18
Rushing yards	27-86	48-219
Passing	9-20-1	3-9-0
Passing yards	80	41
Total offense	146	260
Fumbles/lost	3/0	4/2

Individual statistics
Rushing: EC — Vincent 6-46, Onyenegecha 9-35, Gatewood 11-(-5), T. Evans 1-(-10). B — Reed 19-115, Nitoto 10-35, Terry-Jones 11-35, Baird 5-29, Schooler 2-4, Stefan-Jaksen 1-1
Passing: EC — Gatewood 9-19-0-80, T. Evans 0-1-1-0. B — Nitoto 3-8-0-41, Reed 0-1-0-0
Receiving: EC — T. Evans 4-34, Roelle 2-22, Onyenegecha 2-17, Knight 1-7, B — James 3-41
Records: Berkeley 4-5, 4-1 ACCAL; El Cerrito 5-4, 4-1

Bay Shore Athletic League

	W	L	T	PF	PA	Ovrl
Piedmont	4	0	0	167	37	8-1-0
St. Mary's	**4**	**0**	**0**	**177**	**28**	**5-3-0**
Albany	**1**	**3**	**0**	**64**	**123**	**1-8-0**
John Swett	1	3	0	59	137	2-6-0
Kennedy	1	3	0	60	175	1-8-0
St. Patrick	1	3	0	132	151	3-6-0

Friday's games
Piedmont 38, Albany 8
St. Mary's 42, John Swett 0
St. Patrick 46, Kennedy 16

Piedmont 38, Albany 8

Piedmont	**0**	**14**	**17**	**7 — 38**
Albany	**0**	**8**	**0**	**0 — 8**

P — Schne der 31 pass from Olson (Betts kick)
P — Schneider 8 pass from Olson (Betts kick)
A — Waugh 21 pass from Yiadom (Yiadom run)
P — Betts 39 FG
P — Lorencz 10 run (Betts kick)
P — Dresnick 24 interception return (betts kick)
P — Rubke 1 run (Betts kick)

	P	A
First downs	20	12
Rushing yards	224	148
Passing	17-33-1	6-13-1

PREP GIRLS

Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League

	W	L	W
Berkeley	**10**	**0**	**–**
Encinal	9	2	1½
Alameda	7	3	3
El Cerrito	**6**	**4**	**4**
De Anza	2	8	8
Richmond	2	9	9½
Pinole Valley	0	10	10

Thursday's results (Nov. 9)
Richmond d. De Anza
El Cerrito d. Pinole V.
Alameda 9
Berkeley bye

Final
Bay Shore Athletic League

	W	L	W
Piedmont	13	0	–
Albany	**11**	**2**	**2**
St. Joseph	9	4	4
St. Elizabeth	8	5	5
Salesian	7	6	6
St. Mary's	**6**	**7**	**7**
St. Patrick	5	8	8
John Swett	3	10	10
Holy Names	3	10	10
Kennedy	0	13	13

Friday's result
Piedmont d. St. Elizabeth 15-13

BSAL playoffs
St. Mary's d. St. Joseph Notre Dame
Scores: 15-9, 5-15, 15-11, 15-4
Highlights:
Mau: Mau, 9 assists, 3 kill
Records: St. Mary's

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BILL MANN
Media Notes

Raiders' vote of confidence

Even if you're disappointed about Tuesday's voting, look at the good news here lately — the impressive, 8-1 Raiders. The excitement this fall is happening over here, on what the city of Oakland used to bill as "The Bright Side of the Bay." These guys are for real, no matter if they get snowballed, so to speak, in Denver Monday. (Prediction: Oakland 17, Denver 13).

When the S.F. Chron, an advocate of the 49ers' Booster Club, starts running stories saying that the Raiders might make it to the Super Bowl, you know there's probably a sea change in fan support underway. The Oakland Raiders have a ways to go yet, but it's clear we might be seeing a resurgence of the 1970s, when the Raiders were the dominant team both locally and nationally. And perhaps the sweetest part of it is: It's happening just as the Niner dynasty is collapsing. (I time the beginning of the end as the moment when 49er factotum Bill Walsh signed thuggish, drug-abusing running back Lawrence Phillips to a contract in 1998. I wrote here back then that the Niners were desperate).

Now I savor radio all the talk-show calls emanating from the Whine Country — from spoiled ex-49ner fans. There's one caller on KTCT who bills himself as "The Raider Hater" who epitomizes these sour-grapes fans, and he's become an object of derision on the sportstalk station. This guy makes it clear every week that's he's staying aboard the Titanic. Good for him. Plenty of Silver and Black fans years in football fandom's disapora.

We'd best hope the Raiders have a dynasty building for another reason: After all, who wants Tennessee to become a national power of any sort? (If I'm going to make a pilgrimage to that state, it'll be to see Elvis and have a few cheap laughs at Graceland.)

Locally based/nationally syndicated sports talk host J.T. "The Brick" of KTCT ("The Ticket 1060"), a former stockbroker whose (radio) name appears on the banner at the rabid Raider fan section at the Coliseum called The Black Hole, said on Raider flagship station KTCT this week that he ran into Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown at, of all places, The Black Hole at Sunday's game against Kansas City.

Let's pause for a moment and try to imagine Mayor Jerry costumed like a member of Kiss, with human skulls as epaulets.

Nah. I can't imagine it either.

Moving right along…

The popular radio host said he greeted The Mayor, and even when The Brick handed Brown his radio business card, The Mayor still gave him a who-are-you? look.

Says JT, "I moved to the Bay Area because I identify with the Raiders. I was with them when they were 8-8, and if they're 2-14, I'll still be with these guys." But will Jerry Brown? (C'mon, Jerry, your "people" aren't doing a very good job if you didn't know the Raiders' biggest voice.)

I asked a local radio sales exec about the financial impact on "The Ticket," which has been struggling in the ratings, of having Raiders' games (finally) shown on local TV.

"Short-term, sure, it hurts KTCT," he said, "because, of course, all those people are watching the Raiders on TV instead of tuning in on the radio. But long-term, it could be a good thing for the station, because every televised game helps build the Raiders' fan base and strengthens the franchise." It's also a very good thing for KPIX, which pulls in around $300,000 in local ad revenues on Raiders' games it televises. And if low-rated KTCT loses the Raiders' broadcasts to, say, high-rated KCBS, "The Ticket" might as well switch to an all-Yanni format, because the Raiders are about all it has.

It is the TV ratings that will ultimately determine which team is top dog in the Bay Area. So I checked out the overnight Nielsen ratings of last Sunday's 49'ers-Saints and Raiders-Chiefs. And it was a near-standoff — a sure sign that the Raiders are a solid draw again.

The 49ers' morning game peaked at a 46 share (percent of all TV's in use), the Raiders with a 44 share. Very close.

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Dancing as fast as they can

Behind the on-stage magic, ballet companies scramble hard to put on shows

By Blair Tindall
STAFF WRITER

THE OAKLAND BALLET'S performances of Carlos Carvajal's "Crystal Slipper" sparkled. Choreography, complex staging, quick costume and scene changes for the October shows came together like a fairy tale.

But just like Cinderella, the Oakland Ballet has to scrub a lot of floors before enchanting their guests at the ball. If all goes well, most ballet fans watching the polished two-hour show are unaware of what goes into running a dance company.

In fact, the production details add up to such massive commitments of time and money that a fairy godmother would be just the ticket.

The Oakland Ballet is typical of other regional companies across the country, comparable in size to, say, Ballet Austin and the Carolina Ballet. As a midsized company, they offer abbreviated seasons each year, with three- to five-weekend-long dance series of two to three performances each. Within their season, which runs September through Decembe they also add special events, such as gala fund-raisers, the "Nutcracker," and other performances.

For a company that appears only a few weekends a year, the the Oakland Ballet's $1.8 million budget, may seem hefty asum to the casual subscriber. But it's not as if the wicked stepsisters stepped off-stage with Cinderella's Visa card.

The company is aware of the competitive nature of the Bay Area's bustling dance market. According to John Munger, an analyst with the national dance service organization Dance USA, the Bay Area is the second-largest dance market in the country: Companies must present quality productions to survive. Behind the scenes, that means stringent budgeting, complex planning, and maybe even a pinch of fairy dust here and there.



SUSAN POLLARD/STAFF

DANCER VERNA CARTER rehearses for Oakland Ballet's "Onomatomania" at the Alice Arts Center in Oakland.

Park your carriage?

For the Oakland Ballet, the glamour went poof at the stroke of midnight following "Crystal Slipper's" third and final performance of the series. Tired and sore ballerinas pulled on worn sweats for BART trips home to small apartments and a long soak in the tub.

Meanwhile, Cinderella's carriage turned back into a pumpkin at the Paramount, where stagehands loaded it into a truck for the trip to an Oakland warehouse the company rents for $18,000 a year. Cinderella's frothy

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COMING UP

- **WHAT:** Oakland Ballet's Program No. 3: "Union Fraternal" (Moses/Santos), "Bow Out" (Caniparoli/Powell & Bedford), "Les Sylphides" (Fokine/Chopin)
- **WHERE:** Paramount Theatre, Oakland
- **WHEN:** Nov. 10-12
- **HOW MUCH:** $12-$39
- **CALL:** 510-286-8914

New opera tells tale of love on the golf links

By Lisa Scherman
CORRESPONDENT

A court jester who teases and taunts finds his coveted daughter the source of a joke played on him ... a group of artists in Paris survive the bohemian life ... a troubadour sings for his betrothed ... an Italian golfer plays 18 holes on the links set by the waters of Loch Lomond as he falls in love? Does the latter sound like Puccini's lost opera?

No, it's producer and librettist, Eddie Orton's, modern opera, "Il Giocatore" (The Player) which will premiere at the Julia Morgan Theater in Berkeley on Nov. 14 and 15.

The opera is a benefit for the Boys and Girls Club of Oakland, and all proceeds will go to expanding the club's music and drama opportunities for underprivileged children.

Piedmont entrepreneur, Orton, has never been to Scotland, and doesn't play golf, nor does he consider himself a gambler, but found himself compelled to write an opera about just those things. "It was one of those things. I don't think artists create art because they want to, they just have to. Something inside tells them that they have to do it. Similarly I felt I had to write this. After writing the libretto, I managed to get together a group of really talented people and let them do their magic."

Arias and aces, links and love, a panacea for the subscription opera-goer who falls asleep during the second act. The fast-paced story (one-hour, 15 minutes) is set against the unification of Europe. Giovanni, a young Italian from Genoa, comes to Scotland to pursue his desire to play golf. He falls in love with the daughter of the manor, Giselda, during 18 holes of golf. Betting, of course, comes into play as the thane of the manor, and Giovanni, engage in a betting war with two Americans.

Composer, Joyce Whitelaw, a native of Glasgow, Scotland and a top-notch golfer to boot, has created a musical composition combining Scottish, Italian and American themes.

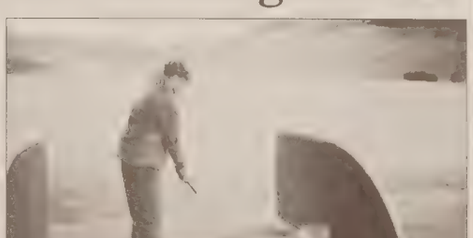
Using her training from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow and her years of experience as a trained singer, pianist, and composer, Whitelaw combines the drones of the bagpipe for Giselda, the tremolo of the mandolin for Giovanni, and a rock and boogie bass for the two Americans. All this is set against the scenic hills of Loch Lomand.

"My uncle, who is a member of Loch Lomond," says Whitelaw, "sent some pictures of the golf course, and the big, old, stone clubhouse. Some members I don't even know e-mailed me some pictures of sandtraps and

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GOLF OPERA

"Il Giocatore," with music and words by Joyce Whitelaw and Eddie Orton, artistic direction by Andrew Rosenbach, will be performed at 8 p.m. Nov. 14 and 15 at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets cost $100 and benefit the Boys and Girls Club's music and drama programs in Oakland. To make reservations, call 510-428-0800, fax 510-428-0802 or e-mail eorton@earthlink.net



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"IL GIOCATORE" Composer Joyce Whitelaw takes a swing on a practice tee.

'Men of Honor' a formula flick, but Gooding keeps it afloat

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

There isn't a single new idea in the well-intentioned but tedious military drama "Men of Honor," a by-the-numbers inspirational story if there ever was one.

You've got your saintly hero (Cuba Gooding Jr.) going up against a mountain of adversity to become the first black Navy Diver. Then there's the irascible commanding officer (Robert De Niro) who opposes him but nonetheless teaches him the code of honor he will carry with him all his life. A noble but tragic father provides the original inspiration and a good woman helps along the way. A story arc that alternates tests with rewards. And so forth.

A true story does provide the framework for this movie, and that, along with Gooding's great charm and sincerity, prevent "Men of Honor" from being a complete dud. Gooding's character, Carl Brashear, is based on a real person who overcame great adversity to break through the closed color ranks of the Navy's elite diving team in the 1950s and eventually became a Master Diver in the late 1960s. Gooding, who made his career on the infamous "Jerry Maguire" line "Show me the money," has given his all to the part, and he's so endearing that he almost transcends its predictability.

But De Niro's character, Master Diver Billy Sunday, never existed, and so he's had to be ordered straight from central casting. "I am God," Sunday announces to the poor unfortunates under his command, all of whom are trembling, save for the brave Brashear. De Niro shouts out orders, expletives, encouragement and bits of wisdom in the same tones. It's just indistinguishable barking, and it is exhausting to watch, like a dog who has been left on a chain all day. De Niro is over the top for most of the movie.

The two men first meet in the early 1950s in the South Pacific, where eager young recruit Brashear is serving as a cook on the U.S.S. Hoist. Sunday is already a Master Diver, and he's a cocky son of a gun. With Brashear watching, Sunday risks his life to save someone else and ends up with a lung condition that makes it impossible for him to dive ever again. He's a jerk, but he nonetheless inspires Brashear, a natural swimmer with great endurance, to become a diver.

Sunday is sent off to a school in New Jersey to train future divers. It takes Brashear two years and an extensive letter-writing campaign to gain admission to the school and then, when he does, Sunday is reluctant to admit him because he is black. Sunday taunts him, calling him "Cookie," but comes to grudgingly admire his determination. It's a bizarre character called Mr. Pappy (a masterful Hal Holbrook), the head of the school, who ultimately tries to stop Brashear from graduating. The scenes at the diving school are among the best in the movie, with Gooding at his most winning (he looks very fine in a pea coat). Look for a nice turn by Michael Rapaport as a stuttering swimmer named Snowhill who befriends him. It's also fascinating to see the kind of equipment deep sea divers used in those days, cumbersome suits with terrifyingly heavy looking brass helmets.

But the diving school is also the setting for some showdowns that can't be forgiven. Alone in the barracks with Brashear the night before his final test, Sunday confronts him.

"Why do you want this so badly?" he says, sucking away at his pipe, his eyes squinting in classic De Niro style.

"Because they said I couldn't have it," Brashear tells him.

Oh please. Writer Scott Marshall

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REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Men of Honor"
- **STARRING:** Cuba Gooding Jr., Robert De Niro, Charlize Theron, Michael Rapaport
- **RATING:** R (language)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 9 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** C

EVENTS

Barnes And Noble, Oakland "Kids Story Times," ongoing. Stories will be read in the Children's book area. Free Thursday, 4 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m. 98 Broadway, Jack London Square Oakland. (510) 272-0120

Berkeley Public Library
CENTRAL LIBRARY
Preschool Song and Storytime, through Dec. 13. For age 3 to 5. Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
2121 Allston Way (510) 548-1240
CLAREMONT BRANCH —
"The Three Little Pigs," Nov. 15, 3:30 p.m. A performance by Roger Mara and his Snapdragon Puppets
2940 Benvenue Ave (510) 644-3860
NORTH BRANCH
"The Three Little Pigs," Nov. 14, 7 p.m. A performance by Roger Mara and his Snapdragon Puppets
1170 The Alameda (510) 644-6850
SOUTH BRANCH
"The Three Little Pigs," Nov. 14, 3:30 p.m. A performance by Roger Mara and his Snapdragon Puppets
1901 Russell St (510) 644-6860
WEST BRANCH
"The Three Little Pigs," Nov. 16, 3:30 p.m. A performance by Roger Mara and his Snapdragon Puppets
1125 University Ave (510) 644-6870
Free. Berkeley

Children's Fairyland USA — A fairy tale theme park featuring more than 30 colorful fantasy sets. Designed especially for children age 10 and under, there are gentle rides, a train, the "Peter Rabbit Village" puppet shows, storytelling and lots of slides and an maiz
"Play Island," ongoing. A multi-level treehouse play area inspired by the novel "Swiss Family Robinson
$5 general includes unlimited rides, special shows, guest entertainers and pup pet shows; free children under age 1 Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Grand and Bellevue Avenues Oakland. (510) 452-2259 or (510) 238 6878 or www.fairyland.org

Kensington Library — "Family Story Time," through November. For all ages Tuesday, 7 p.m. 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. (510) 524-3043

Crab Cove Visitor Center —
"Seasonal Sand Candles," Nov. 12, 1 p.m. A talk about the nature of sand and sand in nature, then use the sand to make a candle. For age 7 and older Registration required. $5 to $7
"Toddler Nature Storytime," Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. Nature storytime with hand puppets. Registration required. For age 3 to 5
"Toddler Adventure: Shorebirds," Nov. 18 4 p.m. Activities focusing on migratory shorebirds. Registration required. $3
"Sea Chantey Sing-Along," Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m. Sing or hum along with Dogwatch Nautical Band. Registration required
"Splendid Seasonal Soapmaking," Nov. 19, 1 p.m. Learn about the history of soap and make soap for gift giving Registration required. For age 7 and older. $5 to $7
"Family Nature Cinema," through Nov 19. A nature film series. Registration required. Nov. 18 and Nov. 19, 3 p.m
"Walk on the Tidal Side," through Nov 25. Learn how animals survive in the sometimes dry sometimes wet worlds along the edge of the bay. Registration required. Nov. 12, 3 p.m. Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, 1 p.m.; Nov. 25, 3:30 p.m
Free unless otherwise noted. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. (510) 521-6887

Habitot Children's Museum — A museum especially for children age 7 and younger. Highlights include "WaterWorks," an area with some unusual water toys, an Infant Tree for babies, a garden especially for toddlers, a child-scale grocery store and cafe, and a costume shop and stage for junior thespians. The museum also features a toy lending library.
EXHIBIT —
"Back to the Farm," open-ended. This interactive exhibit gives children the chance to wiggle through tunnels like an earthworm, look into a mirrored fish pond, don farm animal costumes, ride on a John Deere tractor and much more.
$4 adults; $6 children age 7 and under; $3 for each additional child. Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kittredge Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 647-1111 or www.habitot.org

Hall Of Health — A hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.
EXHIBITS —
"This Is Your Heart!" ongoing. An interactive exhibit on heart health
"Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercycle for calculating how calories are burned.
"Draw Your Own Insides," ongoing. Human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies.
"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.
Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 549-1564 or www.hallofhealth.org

Holt Planetarium — Programs are recommended for age 8 and up; children under age 6 will not be admitted.
"Flying to the Moon," through Dec. 10. An imaginary trip to the moon with a time traveler's view of the changing

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change
Call theaters for information
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*Wheelchair Accessible

Showtimes for Friday, November 10.

Alameda County

Act I & II
Center St. off Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM
- Best In Show (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45
- Requiem for a Dream (NR) 5:00, 7:15, 10:00

Albany Twin
Solano at San Pablo Ave., Albany 843-FILM
- Bitty Elliot (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
- Dancer in the Dark (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

California Theatres
On Kittredge at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM
- Bamboozled (R) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
- Spike & Mike's Sick and Twisted Animation (NR) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, midnight

Century 25 Union City Union Landing*
32100 Union Landing Road Union City 487-9593
- Bedazzled (PG-13) 12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20, 11:35
- Billy Elliot (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20
- Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2 (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 3:50, 6:00, 8:25, 10:45
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:15, 12:45, 1:35, 2:15, 2:40, 3:10, 4:05, 4:35, 5:05, 5:35, 6:30, 6:55, 7:25, 8:00, 8:55, 9:25, 9:55, 10:30, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15 a.m.
- The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 12:50, 1:40, 2:30, 3:55, 4:40, 5:40, 6:50, 7:40, 8:40, 9:50, 10:40, 11:30
- The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 12:25, 3:05, 5:30, 8:15, 10:35
- Little Nicky (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:25, 2:15, 3:35, 4:25, 5:45, 6:50, 7:55, 9:30, 10:05, 11:40, 12:15 a.m.
- The Little Vampire (PG) 12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 7:05, 9:30
- Lucky Numbers (R) 11:25 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45, 12:10 a.m.
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 12:40, 1:55, 2:40, 3:25, 4:20, 5:10, 6:20, 6:55, 7:40, 8:45, 9:25, 10:10, 11:25, midnight
- Men of Honor (R) 11:20 a.m., 1:20, 2:25, 4:15, 5:25, 7:25, 8:30, 10:25, 11:20
- Pay it Forward (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35
- Red Planet (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:55, 5:55, 7:30, 8:20, 10:15, 10:45
- Remember the Titans (PG) 11:20 a.m., 12:10, 1:50, 2:45, 4:30, 5:20, 7:00, 8:05, 9:35, 10:40, 12:05 a.m.

Chabot Cinema
2353 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Elmwood
2966 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
- The Broken Hearts Club (R) 5:15, 7:15, 9:25
- Dr. T and The Women (R) 7:05
- The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen (R) 9:15
- Girl on the Bridge (R) 5:00, 9:20
- Girlfight (R) 7:00
- Saving Grace (R) 5:05

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley *
2461 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143
- Breaking the Bank: A Challenge to the IMF & World Bank (NR) 6:40
- Showdown in Seattle: Five Days that Shook the WTO (NR) 7:30
- Tragos (NR) 10:30

Grand Lake Theater
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556
- Little Nicky (PG-13) 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:15
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- Men of Honor (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
- Remember the Titans (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30

Jack London Cinema *
100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1320
- Bedazzled (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40
- Best in Show (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
- The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
- Little Nicky (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:55
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:35, 10:15
- Men of Honor (R) 10:30 a.m., 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25
- Red Planet (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:35, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
- Remember the Titans (PG) 10:40 a.m., 1:15, 3:50, 7:50, 10:35

Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward *
19001 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15
- The Contender (R) 12:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
- The Little Vampire (PG) noon, 2:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
- Men of Honor (R) 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30
- Red Planet (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 1:50, 2:30, 4:45, 5:15, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20
- Remember the Titans (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45

NAZ 8 *
39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000
- Kurukshetra (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00
- Mission Kashmir (NR) 5:00, 9:00, 7, 11
- Mohabbatein (NR) 5:00, 10:00, 2:30, 7, 11:30
- Priyamanavalae (NR) 9:30
- Tamil Movie (NR) 1:30, 5:30
- Telugu Movie 9:00

Oaks Theater *
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
- Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2 (R) 7:30, 9:30
- The Contender (R) 7:30, 9:30

Piedmont Theatre
Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 843-FILM
- Bamboozled (R) 5:30, 8:30
- Billy Elliot (R) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35
- The Contender (R) 4:00, 6:45, 9:20

Shattuck Cinemas *
On Shattuck at Kittredge, Berkeley 843-FILM
- Almost Famous (R) 1:20, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
- Just One Time (NR) 12:35, 2:45, 5:05, 7:15, 9:55
- The Little Vampire (PG) 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30
- Nurse Betty (R) 1:00, 3:40, 6:50, 9:25
- Place Vendome (NR) 2:00, 7:05
- Red Planet (PG-13) 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:35, 10:00
- Remember the Titans (PG) 1:35, 4:05, 6:40, 9:10
- Shampoo (NR) 7:00, 9:30
- Solas (NR) 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40
- Two Family House (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 9:50
- The Yards (R) 4:40, 9:35

UA Berkeley 7 *
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1467
- Bedazzled (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
- The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:05, 10:00
- The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25
- Little Nicky (PG-13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:30
- Men of Honor (R) 12:55, 4:15, 7:20, 10:20

UA Emeryday 10 *
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 420-0107
- Bedazzled (PG-13) 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 8:20, 10:20
- Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2 (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:10, 3:50, 7:15, 9:40
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 1:20, 4:00, 7:10, 9:50, 12:30 a.m.
- The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) 10:40 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
- Little Nicky (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15, 12:30 a.m.
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 10:55 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, 12:15 a.m.
- Men of Honor (R) 10:45 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
- Pay it Forward (PG-13) 4:50, 7:50, 10:40
- Red Planet (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20, 12:30 a.m.
- Remember the Titans (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 8:10, 10:45

UA Hayward 6 *
24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000
- Bedazzled (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30
- Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2 (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:25, 7:30, 9:40
- The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
- The Legend of Drunken Master (R) noon, 2:10, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
- Little Nicky (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 1:40, 3:45, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15
- Pay it Forward (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00

UC Theatre *
University Avenue between Milvia Street and Shattuck Avenue Berkeley 843-FILM
- Shampoo (NR) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Central Contra Costa

Festival Walnut Creek *
1450 N. California Blvd. Walnut Creek 934-8649
- The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) 10:55 a.m., 1:40, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10
- Men of Honor (R) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 10:05
- Pay it Forward (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
- Red Planet (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
- Remember the Titans (PG) 11:35 a.m., 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45

Orinda Theater *
4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9060
- Best in Show (PG-13) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
- The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45
- Red Planet (PG-13) 6:30, 9:00

Park Theater
3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
- Billy Elliot (R) 7:00, 9:30

Rheem All-Stadium 4 *
350 Park Street, Moraga 988-3411
- Bedazzled (PG-13) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 5:00, 7:35, 9:45
- Little Nicky (PG-13) 4:45, 7:00, 9:00
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

West Contra Costa

Century 10 Pinole *
2-80/Appian Way, Pinole 222-8030
- Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2 (R) 12:35, 2:45, 4:50, 7:10, 9:15
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 12:30, 1:50, 3:00, 4:15, 5:35, 6:45, 8:00, 9:20, 10:15
- The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05
- Little Nicky (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:40, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 10:00
- The Little Vampire (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:15, 9:40
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 12:25, 2:55, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20
- Men of Honor (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
- Red Planet (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:25
- Remember the Titans (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:25, 9:50

San Francisco

AMC 1000 Van Ness *
1000 Van Ness, San Francisco (415)922-4AMC
- Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2 (R) 2:10, 3:55, 5:25, 7:45
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 1:10, 2:00, 4:15, 5:10, 7:05, 7:55, 9:45, 10:40, 12:15 a.m.
- The Contender (R) 1:05, 7:15
- The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) 1:15, 2:05, 4:20, 5:05, 7:20, 8:10, 10:10, 11:10
- The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 4:45, 10:45
- Little Nicky (PG-13) 12:20, 1:20, 2:50, 4:25, 5:20, 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:25, 11:15
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 1:30, 4:35, 7:30, 10:15, 12:25 a.m.
- Men of Honor (R) 1:00, 1:50, 4:05, 4:55, 7:10, 8:00, 10:20, 11:05
- Pay it Forward (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:50
- Remember the Titans (PG) 1:25, 4:30, 7:35, 10:35
- Resistance (NR) 10:30
- Wonder Boys (R) 1:45, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05

AMC Kabuki 8 *
1881 Post St. San Francisco (415)922-4AMC
- Bamboozled (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50, 12:10 AM
- The Contender (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:35
- The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 10:25
- Little Nicky (PG-13) 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00, 12:20 a.m.
- Lucky Numbers (R) 1:50, 5:00, 7:40, 10:40
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
- Men of Honor (R) 1:35, 4:25, 7:25, 10:30
- Spike & Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation (NR) 12:15 a.m.
- The Yards (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 10:15

Bridge *
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco (415)352-0810
- Dancer in the Dark (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Castro Theatre *
Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco (415)621-6120
- Rififi (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35

Clay
2261 Fillmore St., San Francisco (415)352-0810
- Billy Elliot (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55

Embarcadero *
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415)352-0810
- Best in Show (PG-13) noon, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20, 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:50
- The Broken Hearts Club (R) 12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
- Requiem for a Dream (NR) 12:10, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
- Two Family House (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 9:45

Lumiere *
1572 California St., San Francisco (415)352-0810
- Burlesk King (NR) noon, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
- Just One Time (NR) 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
- A Room For Romeo Brass (R) 12:50, 2:55, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

Opera Plaza Cinemas *
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco (415)352-0810
- Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
- Place Vendome (NR) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
- Solas (NR) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55
- Urbania (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

Red Vic *
1727 Haight St., San Francisco (415)668-3994
- Bittersweet Motel (NR) 7:15, 9:15

Roxie *
3117 16th St. San Francisco (415)863-1087
- Wonderwall (1969) (NR) 7:00, 9:15, 11:30

Sony Metreon *
101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200
- Bedazzled (PG-13) 12:20, 3:20, 6:50, 9:40, midnight
- Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2 (R) 12:35, 3:00, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 1:00, 2:40, 4:10, 5:30, 7:00, 8:20, 10:10, 11:10, 12:40 a.m.
- The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 1:20, 2:30, 4:40, 5:40, 7:40, 8:50, 10:50, 11:40
- The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:50, 5:20, 8:05, 10:40
- Little Nicky (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 2:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50, 12:10 a.m.
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 12:10, 1:40, 3:10, 4:20, 6:10, 7:10, 9:00, 11:50,
- Men of Honor (R) 11:05 a.m., 1:15, 2:20, 4:30, 5:50, 7:50, 9:10, 11:30, 12:20 a.m.
- Pay it Forward (PG-13) 12:40, 4:00, 7:20
- Red Planet (PG-13) 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20, 10:20, 12:30 a.m.
- Remember the Titans (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 8:10, 11:20

Sony Metreon IMAX
101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200
- Cyberworld (G) 11:00 a.m., 3:30, 9:30
- Fantasia 2000 (G) 4:50
- The Matrix (R) 11:00
- Wild California (NR) 12:25, 6:40

UA Galaxy *
1285 Sutter St., San Francisco (415)474-8700
- Almost Famous (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 7:00, 9:45
- Non-Stop (NR) 11:15 a.m., 1:15, 7:30, 10:00
- Red Planet (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 7:00, 10:00
- A Time For Drunken Horses (NR) 11:15 a.m., 1:15, 7:15, 9:30

NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Chuck Barney, Vera H-C Chan, Karen Hershenson and Mary Pols, Times; Ted Anthony, Robert W. Butler, Phoebe Flowers, Chris Hewitt, J. Monaghan, Robert Philpot, Steven Rea and Renes Rodriguez, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Matt Crenson, Chris Grygiel, Hillel Italie, Michael Kuchwara, Christy Lemire, Sheila Norman-Culp, Malcolm Ritter and Bob Thomas, Associated Press; Michael Saunders, Boston Globe; John Anderson, Bob Hesler and Gene Seymour, Newsday; Anita Gates, Lawrence Van Gelder, Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Janet Maslin, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kenneth Turan, Kevin Thomas and Charles Solomon, Los Angeles Times; Henry Sheehan, Orange County Register; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; John Hartl, Seattle Times; Roger Ebert, Universal Press Syndicate; Gary Dowell, Nancy Churnin and Tom Sime, Dallas Morning News; and Desson Howe, Washington Post



BOOK ENDS: Katie Holmes, left, and Michael Douglas, right, support a budding, but currently inebriated novelist, played by Tobey Maguire in "Wonder Boys."

"ALMOST FAMOUS": Director Cameron Crowe's semi-autobiographical "Almost Famous" is a tender, rambling movie, so soaked in 1970s nostalgia that those who grew up in that era will most likely fall hard for it. Whether its considerable charms will sway other generations is less certain. It's Crowe's most personal movie to date, looking back on his days as a ludicrously young writer for Rolling Stone. Patrick Fugit plays the 15-year-old Crowe character, hitting the road with fictional band Stillwater. The movie lacks focus, maybe because Crowe resists handing viewers a full-blown ego trip by making the movie about the boy genius reporter. That main flaw keeps "Almost Famous" from being a great movie, but it doesn't stop it from being a very good movie, filled with splendid performances, many funny moments and strong writing. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality and language.) 2 hours. **B+**

"BAMBOOZLED": A stiff, Harvard-educated black writer (Damon Wayans) creates a television minstrel show to defy his racist boss, and to his horror and pleasure, the show becomes a hit. While Wayans sticks to caricature, he is flanked by an excellent cast, including Jada Pinkett-Smith and Savion Glover. The film starts off as hysterically satirical, then the satire becomes a little more ham-fisted, but it's worth the effort (and director Spike Lee always leaves one thinking). — V. Chan. (R: language and violence.) 2 hours, 16 minutes **B**

"BEDAZZLED": A remake of the 1967 Dudley Moore classic. In an inspired bit of casting, the devil is a woman (Elizabeth Hurley), dressed to the nines in vivid reds and ready to have some naughty fun. There's great relish in the way Hurley takes on her latest victim, Elliot Richards (Brendan Fraser), a software geek from San Francisco who is willing to sell his soul to win the love of an attractive coworker (Frances O'Connor). "Bedazzled" is lightweight fare, really just a series of linked but very funny skits. It's the kind of movie you'd be delighted to see on a long airplane ride. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sex-related humor, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **B-**

"BEST IN SHOW": Creativity runs wild in this mockumentary from Christopher Guest, who also brought us the hilarious "Waiting for Guffman." The formula may be a little less fresh this time out, but Guest's wit is just as sharp. This time he explores the world of competitive dog shows. Guest simultaneously mocks human behavior while offering us insights into ourselves, no mean feat. Virtually the entire cast from "Guffman" is back, improvising like crazy, not to mention doing some fine comic acting. With Eugene Levy, Parker Posey and Catherine O'Hara. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language and sexual material.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **A-**

"BILLY ELLIOT": An inspirational charmer about a poor boy who prefers ballet to boxing. The incredibly talented newcomer Jamie Bell plays Billy, the son of a coal miner in northeast England. Set during an actual miners strike that took place in 1984, the movie follows Billy in his quest to be a dancer, as well as the trials and tribulations of his father (the excellent Gary Lewis) and brother as they weather the strike. If you think you've seen this movie before in some other form ("Flashdance" comes to mind), don't let it stop you from going. There's a richness to its portrayal of masculinity and relationships that's rare in movies, and well worth treasuring. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **A-**

"BOOK OF SHADOWS: BLAIR WITCH 2": So bad it makes its overrated predecessor look like a masterpiece of subtlety and simplicity. For every step "Blair Witch Project" took forward, this sequel takes a step back onto the terra firma of horror movies: loud, scary music; abundant corpses; mysterious visions; knives plunging into bodies; even an owl giving the camera the hairy eyeball. The gag this time is that a group of fans go into the woods on a tour of the original movie's locations. They get drunk, black out and discover later that something happened while they were "passed out." So what. — M. Pols. (R: graphic violence, nudity, some sexuality.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **D**

"THE BROKEN HEARTS CLUB — A Romantic Comedy": A lively and engaging independent feature that's essentially a sharply observed yet humorous critique of the values of the gay world of West Hollywood. Tart dialogue, deft characterizations and finely tuned ensemble performances from a hunky cast make this movie about a group of friends going through their romantic pangs an accessible delight. Timothy Olyphant, Zach Braff, Matt McGrath, Dean Cain and John Mahoney star. — K. Thomas. (R: language, drug use and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **B**

"CHARLIE'S ANGELS": A movie that brings to mind the term "the height of absurdity." It's truly absurd, but so buoyant that it rises to heights — heights of silly charm and sweet camp. Not exactly a remake of the classic jiggle-fest 1970s series but rather an "updating," with three new Angels working for good old Charlie in the year 2000: Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu. Bill Murray plays their sidekick Bosley. The plot is stupid, the girls are lovely and as long as you aren't looking for high art, you'll have a good time. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action violence, innuendo and some sensuality/nudity) 1 hour, 32 minutes **B**

OPENING TODAY

"JUST ONE TIME" (NR)
A comedy about turning fantasy into reality. Before Anthony marries Amy, he wants her to fulfill his fantasy of a menage a trios with another woman. When she turns the tables and tries to bring a gay male friend into their bed, he balks.

"LITTLE NICKY" (PG-13)
Adam Sandler's parents are the devil and an angel, and he is one messed-up mischief-maker. With Harvey Keitel, Patricia Arquette, Dana Carvey and Rodney Dangerfield.

"MEN OF HONOR" (R)
A true tale of the first African-American master diver in the U.S. Navy, played by Cuba Gooding Jr. Robert De Niro is the rebellious senior officer who first challenges him, then befriends him.

"NON-STOP" (NR)
Japanese release from 1996 about a bank robber, a shopkeeper and a member of an important gang brought together by chance. They start a foot race that keeps going and going. In fact, it's nonstop.

"RED PLANET" (PG-13)
Earth is dying, Mars must be colonized. A group of astronauts, led by Carrie-Anne Moss ("The Matrix") go to Mars to investigate a malfunctioning robot and discover that Mars isn't uninhabited after all. With Val Kilmer.

"RIFIFI" (NR)
Rerelease of a classic 1955 French noir movie about a robbery, with a new 35 mm print and new subtitles. Directed by blacklisted Hollywood director Jules Dassin, who won the best director award at Cannes.

"SOLAS" (NR)
Nominated for 11 Goya awards (the Spanish version of Oscars), "Solas" is the story of a simple country woman who comes to stay with her bitter daughter in an unnamed Spanish city. Together, they find love and redemption.

"THE CONTENDER": An elegant, fast-paced political thriller from writer/director Rod Lurie. "The Contender" is completely biased in favor of Democrats, but its partisanship shouldn't deter from its intense watchability. Smoothly plotted and layered with surprises; you might well figure out one or two of its mysteries along the way, but you'll still be guessing until its final moments. Jam-packed with excellent, Oscar-caliber performances, from Joan Allen as vice presidential candidate Laine Hanson and Jeff Bridges as President Jackson Evans to Gary Oldman as a villainous congressman out to get them both. The supporting actors, including Sam Elliott and William Petersen, are so good, they make the cast of "The West Wing" look ordinary — M. Pols. (R: language and sexuality.) 2 hours, 12 minutes **A-**

"CYBERWORLD": This latest IMAX release offers 55 minutes of unabashed, and often quite diverting, technological overkill. It combines the skull-rattling, eyeball-straining gigantism [illegible] 3-D computer animation [illegible] thrilling, the best part [illegible] when we're thrust into [illegible] longing to America [illegible] fingered cartoon [illegible] sons. — A.O. Scott

"DANCER IN THE DARK": [illegible] the latest from [illegible] Trier ("Breaking the [illegible] what seem [illegible] his favorite woman who sacrifices needed man she loves. Icelandic pop [illegible] takes the Emily Watson role, playing a factory worker who is going [illegible] netic disease. She puts aside every [illegible] for an operation to save her son's sight. Things take a dire turn when her [illegible] steals her savings. With several [illegible] tentiously arty musical numbers [illegible] very good, but go only if you're [illegible] ous or relish [illegible] M. Pols. R, some [illegible] minutes. **C**

"DR. T & THE WOMEN": There's [illegible] thing very creepy about director Robert [illegible] Altman's story of a gynecologist (Richard [illegible] Gere) so devastatingly handsome [illegible] kind that the women of Dallas [illegible] office for pelvic exams. Peggy [illegible] semble piece starring blonde [illegible] most entirely (Farrah Fawcett [illegible] wife Kate Hudson and [illegible] daughters Laura Dern [illegible] Helen Hunt as [illegible] the movie feels more [illegible] sorority rush. Occasionally tasteless [illegible] generally disappointing. — M. Pols. (R: graphic nudity and some sexuality.) 2 hours, 2 minutes **C**

"GIRLFIGHT": A movie with [illegible] soul. The main character, a [illegible] school student named Diana Guzman [illegible] what the experts would call an anger [illegible] agement problem. She also has a [illegible] tongue, a permanent [illegible] right now. Surprising [illegible] two months when she's [illegible] a cry. But it's [illegible] And most of the credit belongs to [illegible] newcomer Michelle Rodriguez, whose [illegible] trayal of a young woman from Brooklyn [illegible] who finds herself through boxing is [illegible] vivid and natural, it makes you rethink [illegible] your expectations about acting. She [illegible] well be this year's Hilary Swank. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 2 hours, 2 minutes

"LEGEND OF BAGGER VANCE": [illegible] movie from director Robert [illegible] ning Matt Damon as a former [illegible] traumatized by his experiences [illegible] War I. Will Smith plays the caddie who [illegible] terializes out of nowhere to help him [illegible] his swing back." Undeniably beautiful [illegible] Redford has done a great job bringing [illegible] pression-era Savannah to life — but to the [illegible] relentless in its pursuit of movie magic. [illegible] Think of it as "Driving Mr. Daisy." [illegible] Theron plays Damon's love interest, [illegible] ing through the movie with way too much [illegible] Scarlett in her O'Hara. — M. Pols. [illegible] for some sexual content) 2 hours, 7 minutes. **C-**

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Reviews

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"LEGEND OF DRUNKEN MASTER": This [illegible] 1994 Hong Kong [illegible] Jackie Chan certainly [illegible] Wong Fei Hung [illegible] misadventures [illegible] ginseng roots and historical [illegible] comic mugging lasts far too [illegible] the first half, despite a cast of leg[illegible] Hong Kong talent. It's hard to quib[illegible], though, with a surfeit of silliness and lack of [illegible] when so much has been invested in the formidable martial arts displays. The [illegible] alcohol-fueled steel mill showdown will [illegible] look for the under-the-train ex[illegible] between Chan and co-director Lau [illegible] Chan. (R: violence.) 1 hour, [illegible] minutes. **B-**

"THE LITTLE VAMPIRE": Parents beware: This is one of the silliest movies being marketed to kids this year. "The Little Vampire" tells the story of a lonely American boy ("Jerry Maguire's" Jonathan Lipnicki) in Scotland who's mistaken as a vampire by the real thing, a hungry vampire boy. The two strike up a friendship, and the predictable unfolds. The film is charming at times, but more often than not it makes little sense. — N. Chumin. (PG: mild violence and flying red-eyed cows.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **D**

"LUCKY NUMBERS": Darker than the usual Nora Ephron fare, this caper movie is sharper and funnier than one might expect from the director who brought us "You've Got Mail." Sparing us his usual shtick, John Travolta plays an endearing dolt who rigs the Pennsylvania state lottery with his girlfriend (Lisa Kudrow). Predictable trouble ensues when everyone they know claims a cut of the jackpot. Kudrow is just playing a mean version of Phoebe Buffay, but she's very funny. Still, you can wait for the video. — M. Pols. (R: language, some sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **C+**

"MEET THE PARENTS": Nothing goes right for poor Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) when he meets his girlfriend Pam's (Teri Polo) parents. Dad, Robert De Niro, a retired CIA psychological profiler, treats him like a KGB spy, and fake-friendly Mom (Blythe Danner) isn't much better. The plot is predictable and at times heavy-handed, but far funnier than you'd expect, with just the right note of menace mixed in. Stiller proves once again that he's a comic gem. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, drug references and language.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **B+**

"NURSE BETTY": The best movie about a sweet, lost girl from Kansas and her wanderings since "The Wizard of Oz." It's also one of the best movies of the year, a deliriously odd and funny movie that manages to be dark and cheering at the same time. Could this really be the work of controversial director Neil LaBute, who brought us those bits of nastiness "In the Company of Men" and "Your Friends & Neighbors"? Apparently so. What's different is that he's working from someone else's script, so there's actually room to like these characters. Renée Zellweger plays Betty, a waitress at the Tip Top diner in Fair Oaks, Kansas, who has a dead husband, a pair of hit men on her trail (Morgan Freeman and Chris Rock), a serious infatuation with a soap opera star (Greg Kinnear) and a case of mental trauma that makes her believe he's real and they belong together. — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, pervasive language and a scene of sexuality.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. **A**

"PAY IT FORWARD": So jammed with past Oscar-winners and nominees that there's almost something unseemly about it; it's jockeying so hard for Best Picture 2000. But it doesn't deserve it. Based on the compulsively readable but trashy novel by Catherine Ryan Hyde, it tells the story of a schoolteacher (Kevin Spacey) who gives his students an assignment to change the world. Haley Joel Osment plays the kid who takes him up on it, with an idea to "pay forward" favors to strangers. Helen Hunt is his alcoholic mother, a casino worker who dresses like Erin Brockovich. Osment out-acts Hunt and Spacey, but the story is so manipulative, it's a turn-off. — M. Pols. (PG-13: mature thematic elements, including substance abuse, sexual situations, language and brief violence.) 2 hours. **B-**

"PLACE VENDOME": Catherine Deneuve is luminous as always in this richly textured thriller packed with so many criminals and amatory betrayals that Deneuve's alcoholic widow of a highly regarded diamond dealer can hardly sort them out. A charmer from Deneuve's past returns, setting off a series of events that involve diamonds and betrayals. — J. Carr. (NR) 1 hour, 57 minutes. **A-**

"REMEMBER THE TITANS": Someone should really let that Presidential Commission on Race Relations know that the secret to dispelling racial tensions is football. At least, that's what this well-intentioned but overwrought Denzel Washington movie would have us believe. Based on what happened when a real high school in Alexandria, Virginia, was integrated in 1971 and white and black football players were forced to be on a team together, this highly calculated Jerry Bruckheimer production gives us football as a panacea for bigotry, all wrapped up in a squishy crowd-pleasing package. Make it a rental. — M. Pols. (PG: thematic elements and some language.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. **C+**

"REQUIEM FOR A DREAM": Very, very good but hard to recommend, because watching it is such a brutal experience. Adapted (barely) from the Hubert Selby, Jr. novel of the same name, "Requiem" takes a hard look at drug addiction. Ellen Burstyn is a lonely Coney Island widow who gets hooked on diet pills. Jared Leto plays her son, who, along with girlfriend Jennifer Connelly and best friend Marlon Wayans, is addicted to heroin. Director Darren Aronofsky ("Pi") plays a series of visual tricks on us; creatively, he's on fire, and so are all four actors. — M. Pols. (NR: extensive drug use, some nudity and some graphic sexuality) 1 hour, 42 minutes. **A**

"SAVING GRACE": A light, hilarious English comedy to wash away the ill effects of summer blockbusters. Twice Oscar-nominated Brenda Blethyn ("Secrets & Lies," "Little Voice") leads a seamless cast of character actors. She plays Grace Trevethyn, whose philandering husband has died and left her with a mountain of debt. Looking for a way to pay it off, the genteel Grace utilizes her natural talent for gardening and sets up a marijuana farm in her greenhouse. Her partner in crime is her gardener, Martin, played with considerable hangdog charm by Craig Ferguson, who also co-wrote this gem. In the tradition of "Waking Ned Devine," "Saving Grace" takes part of its strength and charm from its setting, a seaside village in Cornwall where everybody definitely knows everybody's name. Easy to see why this charmer scooped up the Audience Appreciation award at Sundance 2000. — M. Pols. (R: drug content and language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **A-**

"TWO FAMILY HOUSE": On the surface, this independent feature is a sweet little movie about one man's frustration in a world of limited possibilities. But what makes the struggle of this "impossible dreamer" truly gripping is the way it foreshadows a whole nation's social upheaval. Buddy (Michael Rispoli) is filled with good intentions, but his ill-fated business ventures really strike home when he purchases a house that will double as shelter as well as a bar. A masterful portrait of ethnic America at mid-century that rivals Barry Levinson's Baltimore films in its wistful reminiscence. — M. Crenson. (R: language and brief sexuality.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **A-**

"URBANIA": Popular urban legends snake through this audacious new independent film by first-time director Jon Shear. Working from a play, Shear has managed to combine dark comedy, seriously creepy cityscapes and a compelling gay love story. Charlie (Dan Futterman) is haunted by subliminal flashes of a tattooed stranger and sudden bursts of street violence. The film progresses as we — the audience — emerge from the haze of Charlie's scrambled, grief-ridden recollections. The result is an ending that is as heartrending as it is mind-messing. — G. Lovell. (NR: could be rated R for violence, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **A**

"WOMAN ON TOP": Cheerful piffle with little going for it but the amazing loveliness of Spanish actress Penelope Cruz. She plays a Brazilian chef who catches her husband cheating on her and runs away to San Francisco to start fresh. A television producer with a crush offers her a local cooking show, and soon she's a star. She still pines for hubby, though, so she cooks up a little black magic to rid herself of love for him. Unfortunately, he turns up, crooning love songs and refusing to let her go. His charm is force-fed, like the movie. Feminists will probably hate the movie's ending, but the biggest bummer is there aren't even any good recipes. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **C+**

"THE YARDS": Slow and solemn, this movie has a lot going for it, including a great cast (Mark Wahlberg, Joaquin Phoenix, Faye Dunaway, James Caan, Ellen Burstyn, Charlize Theron). But it's hampered by a script that drags in places and never sheds enough light on the heart and mind of its hero (Wahlberg). He plays Leo Handler, fresh out of jail, trying to get on the straight and narrow. But he falls right back into trouble with his best friend (Phoenix), a corrupt player in New York's transit system. Unfortunately, there's not enough life in either Leo or the movie to make us really care about his plight. — M. Pols. (R: language, brief nudity, some violence.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. **C+**

Ballet

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bejeweled tutu was mothballed in a different warehouse in East Oakland that rents for $6,000, one that is climate-controlled to preserve the costume's delicate fabric until future performances of "Crystal Slipper." The costumes and sets might also leave storage if another dance company mounts a production of "Crystal Slipper" — they are rented out as a package deal. It's a lucrative, earned revenue stream for the Oakland Ballet, which charges an average fee of $20,000 per rental for sets and costumes of their specialty full-length Diaghilev-era ballets such as "Cinderella" and "Romeo and Juliet."

The costumes — which look tailor-made — are exactly that, and adjustments must be made for each cast change within the weekend's performance run, said Heider. For example, in three performances of "Crystal Slipper," Cinderella was played twice by Erin Yarbrough and once by Jenna McClintock.

"We had a case where one (male) dancer was 6-3, the other 5-7," said Heider. "It drove our costumers insane!" Though simple unitards may cost only $100, elaborate outfits can run into several thousand dollars each. Cleaning, and even transportation to the specialized theatrical cleaners during the weekend's run of the show, is yet another small financial item that adds to the pile.

On a tight budget

Oakland's $1.8 million budget is stretched to the limit, said Heider, who'd like to double the group's financial base. Though Heider would not disclose specifics about dancers' salaries, she said Oakland pays its performers "decently." It's the length of their contracts — 19 weeks maximum — that makes it hard to attract talent, she said. And the company doesn't offer health insurance, using workman's compensation as a stopgap measure. It's an $80,000 expense that Heider expects to skyrocket next year.

With partial-year employment, the dancers must find work for the 33 weeks they aren't performing with the company. Many supplement their incomes by dancing with other part-time companies, or teaching dance and dance-related movements such as Pilates, Alexander Technique, yoga and the Feldenkrais Method. Others even pick up office work or work as nannies, said Heider.

Perhaps the least visible aspect of a dance performance is the rehearsal time involved in producing a finished show. For example, dancers can spend up to 48 hours over three to six weeks learning a new work, as they did with the world premiere of Mary Cochran's "Onomatomania" earlier this season.

Even when the Oakland's Ballet's 30 performers leave the Alice Street Arts Center rehearsal studio, they must stay keen, much as Olympic athletes do, by taking a daily dance class. The company provides a class, but if the dancer prefers to study with a particular pedagogue, he or she must bear the cost.

Right now, Oakland is spending three weeks preparing and setting the world premiere of "Union Fraternale," by choreographer Robert Moses. For the dancers, it's a process of forming a work from abstract ideas.

For Heider, it's an especially busy time. She's dealing with a double helping of details, since it's also the time of year to set the "Nutcracker" publicity wheels in motion for the mid-December gala opening night. In the next few weeks, she, with the help of eight administrative staffers, must make sure that costumes are made, lighting design is finalized, and the arrangements for musicians are organized.

All those classes, rehearsals and performances leave behind an army of limp pointe and jazz shoes. And there's quite a pile of ballet slippers, too, with nary a prince in sight. "We spend about $20,000 a year for shoes alone," sighed Heider.

Because of big bills like that, the Oakland Ballet is grateful for substantial grants and gifts from the city of Oakland, which gave $69,000 last year, as well as Clorox and the San Francisco, Hewlett, Fleishhacker Haas and East Bay Community foundations. Ticket sales, at $12-$39 a seat, account for only 5 percent of the company's budget, Heider said.

Almost like a fairy godmother, the city of Oakland granted its ballet troupe one big wish — the company's enormous rehearsal studio in the city-owned building is absolutely free of rental charge, said Heider. The adjacent office space is free, too, but the jig is up.

"We'll be paying rent soon, because displaced groups from San Francisco are willing to pay a lot to rent that space," Heider said.

Opera

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the green. The members would love us to take the opera to Loch Lomand, Scotland." The pictures will be used as a backdrop for the opera. "The audience won't know this, but the setting at the 18th hole will actually be a picture of the actual hole at Loch Lomand. All the back drop pictures will reflect the real Loch Lomand."

As for the singers, "They are amazing," Whitelaw says. "The tenor, Chilean-born Jorge Gomez, has a future ahead of him. Some of these singers we might lose to big opera houses in Europe. South African soprano, Estelle Kruger, is set to perform in one of Germany's big opera houses next year."

Whitelaw did, however, have to work on Kruger's Scottish brogue. Lines like "rain on the window panes" required the clipped Scottish accent. These nuances are not left unattended by Whitelaw. Music is what Whitelaw loves, and Puccini is her inspiration. She hopes to leave a lasting mark on the lips of the audience.

But, a golf opera has its challenges all of its own. How do you get an opera singer to act like a golfer? Artistic Director, Andrew Rosenbach, uses his talent as a seasoned actor to provide clues for the singers. "Often the acting aspect of opera is less emphasized.

My challenge in this opera is to make opera singers look like golfers." Part of the training required a trip to the Boulders driving range in San Leandro. "I definitely have respect for the game of golf," quipped Rosenbach. "Just hearing the athleticism in the voices of the singers coupled with golf makes for a perfect combination," said Rosenbach.

"There is so much emotion in the voices, and the singers are so connected with their bodies."

Il Giacotore is a bold venture, with the hopeful intent to conjure up emotion in the audience. Would Puccini have been impressed? One sure test is to see if you're humming the tunes on your way out.

Mann

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Miller Time: Monday night's big nationally televised Raiders-Broncos game on ABC-TV will give many of us our first chance to catch commentator Dennis Miller's act in toto. Since I don't watch "Monday Night Football" when the Raiders aren't on, I've only caught five minutes or so of the super-bright Miller at a time. Could Miller, the target of so much sniping and criticism, be half as embarrassing as ego-centered Howard Cosell was his last few years on the broadcast? I doubt it.

I knew Miller was in trouble when he made reference to the House of Plantagenet on one of his first ABC broadcasts. It's OK for TV to go for the lowest common denominator, and it often does, but it's rarely prudent to do the opposite.

Finally, I've missed the last 10 Super Bowl telecasts, partly because I didn't care about any of the teams, partly because it's a great, rare winter Sunday afternoon when you can enjoy the outdoors without a lot of people around.

And I certainly never thought I'd ever spend a birthday, Jan. 28, in Tampa, of all places. But at this point, I won't rule it out.

Media Notes: Suzanne Shaw — on PBS?: Long-time KRON-TV anchor Suzanne Shaw has two new gigs, one of which will involve her appearing on a popular public-TV show, "Nightly Business Report." Shaw has replaced Richard Hart as co-host of KRON's weekend tech show, "Next Step" (her co-anchor is Alameda resident and KCBS Radio morning man Stan Bunger). Shaw's also just signed on with baby-boomer website MyPrimeTime.com to host its broadband (Internet TV) show, "Prime Movers," which also airs some of its segments on PBS's "Nighly Business Report." "NBR" airs on KQED-TV weeknights at 6:30 . . . Speaking of which, I saw a funny and sly reference to "NBR's" portly co-anchor (who signs off "wishing YOU the best of good buys") the other day on one of Yahoo's lively stock message boards: One poster gives his screen name as Paul_Kangas_All_You_Can_Eat ... A nice coup for KGO Radio earlier this week: It got a live interview on its noon news show with Bill Clinton ...

It looked like another KGO coup last week, too, when actress Sharon Stone (wife of soon-to-be-ex Examiner editor Phil Bronstein) agreed to fill in for afternoon talk host Pete Wilson. KGO promoted Stone's appearance, but Stone was a no-show last Thursday. Host Jon Rothman, pressed into service, would offer no explanation, saying only that Stone "could not appear." But one disgusted KGO source told me, "It was definitely a last-minute cancellation. I heard she gave some B.S. line about an HBO commitment." ... There had been rumors a while back that that Stone, who, like Barbara Streisand, has important opinions about important political matters the public must hear, might be interested in a regular talk gig here after she (Stone) filled in for her pal, KGO weekend host Christine Craft. I asked a top KGO exec about the Stone rumors, and he only chuckled and said, "I love rumors." Looks like Stone's promoted KGO appearance last week was only a rumor, too. ... Speaking of KGO, this on the TV side. Oakland's Rich Lieberman, the Big Vinnie of Round Table TV-ad fame, has a good description of KGO-TV's latest well-dressed humanoid, its new early-morning co-anchor. Lieberman: "If you crossed Ted Baxter with (former Channel 7 sports anchor) Dan Lovett, you'd get Cameron Harper." ... Another KTVU "franchise" besides the 49ers is in ratings trouble: "Seinfeld." Either that still-funny show is slipping — it's now losing the ratings competition in its time slot most nights — or, more likely, it's getting killed by its weak lead-in, "Spin City." When "Seinfeld" regularly loses to KPIX's lame "Evening Magazine," which it now does, alarms should be going off down at Jack London Square. Let's see what kind of "spin" Channel 2 puts on the story when it finally decides to yank "Spin" out of the 6:30 spot where it's apparently killing 'Seinfeld."

(Bill Mann also writes a daily humor column at CBS MarketWatch.com called "Laugh It Off." You can e-mail Bill at Newsmann@sonic.net)

Events

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shapes of the moon as viewed from Earth. Then land on the moon and go for an imaginary stroll. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m.

"Moons of the Solar System," through Dec. 10. Take a tour of the fascinating worlds that orbit Earth and other planets out to the edge of the Solar System. Through Dec. 10: Saturday and Sunday, 2:15 p.m.

"Constellations Tonight," ongoing. Using a simple star map, learn to identify the most prominent constellations for the season in the planetarium sky. Daily, 3:30 p.m.

$2 plus museum admission of $6 general; $4 students, seniors, disabled and youths aged 7 to 18; children under the age of 6 are not admitted. Daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, Centennial Drive, Berkeley. (510) 642-5132 or www.lhs.berkeley.edu

La Pena Cultural Center — Saturday Morning Children's Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

Uncle Eye, Nov. 11. Interactive songs and storytelling

Gary Lapow, Nov. 18. A performance of original music.

$4 general; $3 children, unless otherwise noted. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568.

Julia Morgan Center For The Arts — "Over The Rainbow.com or a Circus Adventure Through the Yellow Brick Screen Saver," Nov. 18 through Nov. 26. Splash Circus presents a circus adventure with Dot.Com and her mouse

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Honor

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Smith should be forced to write "I will try to be more creative" 500 times on the chalkboard.

There are some huge errors in casting. Charlize Theron plays Sunday's wife Gwen, who is always upset about something Sunday has done or not done. It's hard to tell what she's so mournful about. Could it be that Sunday drinks too much? But she drinks too much, too. So it's a mystery. Theron seems to be channeling the spirit of Jessica Lange in "Blue Sky," and it feels like an imitation she's not ready for. It doesn't help that the script requires her to age a good 15 years but we never see a change on her face, except that her lipstick gets more smeared as she gets older.

Another problem in casting is David Conrad (Bay Area residents who caught the American premiere of "Indian Ink" might recognize him as the secondary male lead from that Tom Stoppard play) as the villainous Lt. Hanks. He also has to age 15 years or so, and it's completely unbelievable. Was the makeup artist on vacation?

Logic also takes a well-timed holiday on a couple of occasions. When we first meet Sunday in the prologue, he's a deserter on his way to court martial. Later on, when the story picks up with the same time frame, he's been demoted multiple times and he's locked up in some sort of hospital for his chronic alcoholism. He's a mess. But when the plot calls for it, just a few weeks later, he's tidied up, back in snappy uniform and running another diving school. Somehow it seems unlikely that the Navy is this forgiving.

Perhaps the explanation was cut because the movie was running long. At over two hours, it feels far too long. During the crucial courtroom scene at the end, the evil Hanks calls for a recess until the next day, when Brashear will face a physical challenge to determine whether or not he can return to diving. It's the kind of moment that makes you take a quick peek at your watch. Then Gooding says he wants to go ahead with the test right then, and you'll want to applaud him for wrapping up this formulaic exercise as soon as possible.

Magnes Museum features extensive exhibition

"Telling Time: To Everything There Is a Season," already the most extensive exhibition in the 37-year history of the Judah L. Magnes Museum, will double in size and scope beginning Nov. 5, 2000, to encompass all four seasons and rare "treasures of the lost ark": or arks: of Jewish and other cultures, such as Tibetan and Mexican-American. There will be a public opening reception on Sunday, Nov. 5, 3-5 p.m., at the Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley.

"Art is long and time is fleeting," [illegible] a six-screen multi-media "clock" at the exhibition entrance. In the Koshland Gallery, the Big Bang [illegible] Kabbalah in an explosive vir[illegible] "Creation." Intercultural perspectives on time fill the East Gallery: "A Liturgy of the Hours," a contemporary installation by local Latina artist Carol Marie Garcia based upon St. Benedict of Nursia's 14th-century seven hours of prayer;" three 200-year-old Buddhist Thanka paintings from the prestigious Shelly and Donald Rubin Collection; a life-size installation illuminating the Jewish Sabbath celebration.

Visitors will see a late 19th century Torah Ark from the Paradesi Synagogue in India, a contemporary Bar Mitzvah portfolio with text by playwright David Mamet and illustrations by Donald Sultan, a clay figurine from Wollega, Ethiopia. They will hear a tape of poet Allen Ginsburg reading "Kaddish" or watch the award-winning video "Jews and Buddhism," narrated by Sharon Stone and selected as a 1999 Outstanding Documentary by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Throughout this Museum-wide interdisciplinary exhibition, nearly 250 objects from every collecting department interpret the universal concept of time, exploring the seasons of the year, the human life cycle, and religious-cultural observances. These ceremonial pieces, contemporary and traditional fine art, rare books and manuscripts, videos and photographs, and historic documents are put in context through wall texts that explore their social and chronological significance. Other panels, narrate rituals of other cultures, often illuminating links between Jewish and other traditions.

Visitors are invited to create written narratives about their own cultures, personal traditions, and commemorative dates, in several interactive stations throughout the show. Children of all ages can explore art projects in the Resource Room where a wall of calendars from many cultures highlights how time is marked around the world. Special events during the year include a calendar-making workshop, intercultural panel discussion, December 25 Family Day, poetry reading, and numerous other programs.

The Judah L. Magnes Museum is located at 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Museum hours are Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information phone 510-549-6950.



Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis

Children

La Pena Cultural Center and Cafe, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents musician Gary Lapow performing original music for kids of all ages. The event is Saturday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. Lapow comes up with catchy sing-along songs that work important life values into the lyrics, yet never sound preachy. For more information, call 849-2568, ext. 15.

The Buddy Club Children's Shows presents juggler Daffy Dave on Sunday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. to noon, at the Albany Community Center Theater, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Zun Zun, a hot musical theater duo out of Santa Cruz, joins Dave. The shows are targeted for children 2 through 12 and their parents and always include outrageous audience participation. Tickets: $7 per person (under 2 years are free.) Call 236-SHOW for all tickets, birthday party reservations, and more information.

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Moeser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371

The City of El Cerrito Community Services offers a Kids' Ceramic Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 18, 10-11:30 a.m., at Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Blvd. Children are instructed and guided through basic hand-building techniques, including slab work, coil-and-pinch pot, and various glazing techniques. Fee: $20 residents and $25 non residents. Call 215-4371 for more information

Luna Kids Dance (LKD) offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Cerrito, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 530-4113

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lhsinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; $8 - $10.

Community

"Open House for Prospective Parents" takes place on Saturday, Nov. 14, 7-8:30 p.m. at Our School, in St. John's Community Center, 2727 College Ave. Call 704-0701 for more information.

Berkeley Community Media (BCM), channel 25, the city's public access television station, presents its first-annual on-air auction on Sunday, Nov. 19, 3 p.m. "Give Thanks and Get Thanks" is set to run six hours. The event will raise funds for BCM operations and programming projects. Call 848-2288 for more information.

The Red Oak Victory ship is the site of the Veterans' Day Event on Saturday, Nov. 11, 5-7 p.m., in Point Richmond, 1500 Dorman Dr. The Richmond Museum of History is holding a memorial service aboard the ship to honor the veterans and workers. Following the service, a USO Dance (7-10 p.m.) will follow. Admission: $8 advance, $10 at the door. For more information, call 222-9200. Mail check payable to the Richmond Museum, 710 35th St., Richmond, CA 94805

REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave. offers a free hands-on bicycle repair clinic on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 11 a.m.- noon. Learn how to fix your own bicycle. Technicians will teach a series of free one-hour clinics covering the following basic repairs. All you need to bring is your bike. Call 527-4140 for additional information.

Albany YMCA is hiring staff for After-school programs in Berkeley and Albany for Afterschool programs in Berkeley and Albany. Site coordinator, recreation coordinator. Complete an application or send fax resume to Albany YMCA 921 Kains Ave., Albany, CA 94706. Fax 525-1769.

The Women's Cancer Resource Center, 1581 University Ave., will provide information at Wild Oats Market as part of its Women's Health Day. Help support the center and also enjoy free chair massages, spinal screenings, nutritional consulting and product samples. The center provides information, support and direct services to women with cancer in the Bay Area and nationally. Call Tammy Dyson, volunteer coordinator at 548-9286 ext. 304 for additional information.

Berkeley Higashi Honganji Church, 1524 Oregon St. (near Ashby Avenue), presents a Ohtani Bazaar. There will be games, prizes and activities for the children. Also Japanese food (Teriyaki chicken, sushi, udon noodles and more. Free admission. Bring the family. Call 843-6933 for additional information

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: $10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2 —the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice-Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA., 94701.

"Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

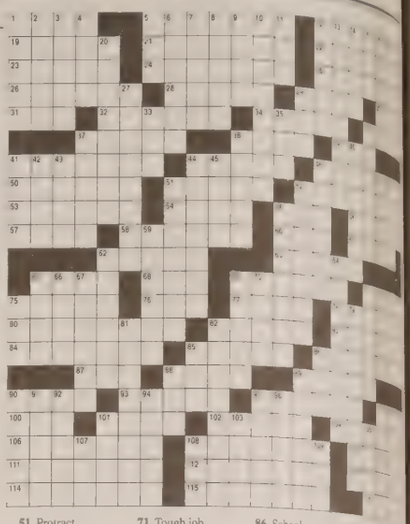
English-In-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

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Exhibits

ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., continues its exhibition, "Figurative Art," through Nov. 18. The exhibit features Elizabeth A. Cates, Donna Gordon, John Jacobsen, Sharon Mitchell, Paula Powers, and Deb Shattil. ACCI also features the solo exhibit of Philip Buscemi, winner of the "Live With This" juried competition through Nov. 30. Gallery hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 11 to 6 p.m., Fridays until 7 p.m. Closed Sundays. Call 843-2527 for more information.

"Against All Odds: Ingenuity, Talent and Disability," opens Nov. 19 and continues through Dec. 16 at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. The exhibition celebrates the inventive spirit of six talented artists and focuses public discussion on alternative ways disabled artists are working. The exhibition features Casper Banjo, Philip Martin Chavez, Timothy Rene Lynn, Charles Nagle, Thomas Victor Siporin, and Elsa Waller. The show includes media ranging from prints and ceramic sculpture to computer-generated paintings and collage works. Hours: 2-4 p.m. Call 644-6893 for more information.

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., presents "Mostly Glass," continuing through Dec. 17. Artist include Lynne-Rachel Altman, Patricia Bengtson-Jones, Eric Ehlenberger, Shirley Erickson, Bella Feldman, Kristin Gudjonsdottir, Gail Paradise, David Ruth and Bart Trickel. Gallery hours: Wed-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 525-7621

The UC Berkeley Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft Way, presents the exhibit "Amazons in the Drawing Room: The Art of Romaine Brooks," through Jan. 16. For more information, call 642-0808 or visit the Web site at www.bampfa.berkeley.edu.

The Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., continues its exhibit of Janette Faulkner's collection "Ethnic Notions: Black Images in the White Mind," through Nov. 12. The exhibit explores racial stereotypes in commercial imagery. This will be the last chance the public will be able to see these pieces as a collection. The center is also reproducing the "Ethnic Notions," catalog with essays by Theresa Whitener and Pulitzer-prize winning historian, Leon Litwack. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call Yvete Deas at 644-6893.

The Albany Arts Center, 1249 Marin Ave., continues a collection of work by Tanna Belia "Straight From the Heart," through Dec. 7. The exhibit includes pastel, painted still life and collages. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists wishing to be considered for future exhibits may pick up applications at the center. Call 524-9283 for more information.

The Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave., continues its exhibit "Hecho En Califas: The Last Decade 1990-1999" through Nov. 11. Thirty-one California Latino, Chicano and Indigenous artists are featured in this traveling exhibition. The event examines issues and movements that have shaped the visual arts vocabulary in California during the last 10 years. The exhibit includes painting, sculpture, photography, prints, collage and digital media. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Free admission; wheelchair accessible. Call 620-6772 or visit the Web site at info@therac.org for additional information.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: $7:50 residents, $9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Judie at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

New Pieces Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours Monday, Wednesday ,Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except holidays Details 527-6779

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Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave., presents author Arnaud Maitland reading from his book "Master-Work: Master or Tattoo," on Friday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. Maitland, a successful businessman and long-term student of Tibetan Buddhism, draws on his own experience to show how inspiration comes naturally when work has inner meaning. The former dean of the Nyingma Center in Berkeley, Maitland presently lives at the Odiyan Retreat Center in California. The event is free. For more information, call 644-0861.

The Reading Edge is available for public use in the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must compete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6646 to set up a training session.

Meetings

The Human Welfare and Community Action Agency and Berkeley Homeless Commission host a joint public hearing on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., at South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St. The purpose of the hearing is to get feedback from low-income residents of Berkeley and people who use the services. For more information, call Marganne Graham at 665-3475.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hilegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 843-7645.

A free talk, "The Spiritual Journey from Light to Sound," takes place on Friday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Hall, 1924 Cedar St. For more information, visit the Web site at www.masterpath.org.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 843-7645.

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for additional information.

The YWCA offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Camera Club meets every Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Participants share slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Call Wade for information, 531-8664.

Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters, The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-8706 for additional information.

Blue Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-2480 for more information.

Day of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing. Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment; 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkreis Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; $20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS; 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

Toastmasters; noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-6708.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

MusicSources presents a Baroque Dance Party on Sunday, Nov. 12, 5 p.m. The event features dance mistress Carol Teten. Participants can learn the Bourre, enjoy a costumed demonstration of the Sarabande, a reception, and an opportunity to experience the facility and its historic instruments. The event takes place at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Price: $18 general, $15 MS members, seniors and students. For reservations, call 528-1685.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., presents three evenings of Jewish music with Mark Levy. Event schedule: Monday, Nov. 13, "The Classics from Rossi to Bernstein"; Monday, Nov. 20, "The Music of Israel"; and Monday, Nov. 27, "To Make the World Whole." Levy has taught and performed in the Bay Area for 25 years. All events are 7:30-9 p.m. Tuition: $30, $20 BRJCC members, seniors, and students. For further information or directions, contact Ruth Phillips, 848-0237, ext. 127.

"Il Giocatore," an evening of opera, murder, and golf takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 14 and 15, 8 p.m., at the Julia Morgan Theater. Tickets: $100. All proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs' music and drama programs. Call 428-0800 for more information.

The Berkeley Youth Orchestra presents its fall concert on Sunday, Nov. 12, 4 p.m., at Laney College Music Department, 900 Fallon St. The program includes Il Signor Bruschino Overture, Three Dances from "The Bartered Bride," Symphony No. 88 in G Major, Gioacchino Rossini, Bedrich Smetana, and Franz Josef Haydn. Suggested donation: $5. For more information, call 444-4857.

Cal Performances presents "Voices of Mali: Oumou Sangare, Habib Koite and Bamada," on Friday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., at UC Berkeley, Zellerbach Hall. Singer Sangare is a social commentator and champion of women's rights. In 1998, she was the featured singer in the film adaptation of Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "Beloved." Koite and his band, Bamada, have been heralded for their unique sound and style, successfully mixing the rich traditions of Malian music with modern flair. Tickets $18, $24 and $30. Call 642-9988 to charge tickets, or visit the Cal Performances Web site at www.calperfs.berkeley.edu

Cal Performances presents the London-based early music ensemble The Academy of Ancient Music and Baroque violin virtuoso Andrew Manze on Thursday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m., at UC Berkeley at Zellerbach Hall. The program includes Purcell, Marini, Bach, van Wassenaer, Handel and Geminiani. Manze will give a free Sightlines talk for concert ticketholders before the performance, from 7-7:30 p.m. Tickets: $20, $30 and $42 Call 642-9988 for more information or to charge by phone

The Distaff Singers, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 601-5624, or L.J. 482-1677.

Ducksan Distones, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lankford, Drums and Larry Giustino on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are $4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; $4; call 525-1542

Outdoors

Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds: house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lelia 6555-3911.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and to find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointments and is free to YWCA members Call 848-6370 for additional information leave a message for Anne Levine

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021

Support

The North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way, offers Holiday Blues Support Group with Lyn Rayburn on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m. Call Maggie or Suzanne, 644-6107, for more information

"The Grief Care Community" offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information

The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information

Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: $10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call ((408) 954-8600 or visit www.balf.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to homebound seniors. Call 644-8590

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group presents Dorothea Dorenz, a state certified massage and movement therapist who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing For directions or more information call 204-4503

Lecture/Workshop

Neighborhood Parents' Network presents a discussion panel featuring representatives from local preschools and an expert from a well-known East Bay childcare referral service on Monday Nov. 13, 7-9 p.m. The discussion takes place at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Admission is free to NPN members and $5 for non-members For more information, call 527-6667

The Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay, 2484 Shattuck Ave., Ste. 210, offers a two-hour workshop for high school seniors Students will look at their decision making process and learn how to manage stress Participants discuss life after high school, including how peer and parental relationships change, the completion and pressure to get into college employment, and other post-graduation options. Call 704-7475 for more information

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way, offers a lecture about genealogy on Monday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. Gordon Hatcher is the speaker For more information, call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107

"Learning and Writing: What a Technical Writer Does," is the subject of the Brown Bag Career Talk on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 12-1 p.m., at the Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way Mick Renner, manager of documentation for Corrigo Inc., talks about analytical and technical skills to create documents that help software users. This workshop is $3 at the door. For more information call 848-6370

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370

Learn Computer Applications for the "working" world Using Windows 95 and '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint Publisher Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15 -6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0840 or visit the web site at www.cc-coe.k12.ca.us/rop

"What is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragito Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Religion

Theater, Dance & Film

The Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place Point Richmond, continues the children's classic "The Secret Garden through Dec. 18. Friday and Saturday evenings Sunday matinees are Nov. 12 and 26 and Dec. 3 and 10. This play is based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Plot: Mary Lennox, orphaned at 11, is sent to Yorkshire to live with her reclusive uncle and his invalid son. Great for all ages. All tickets $12. To make a reservation, call the group's 24-hour reservation line, 232-4031.

Circle Dancing: simple Israeli, Scottish Greek, and other folk dancing in a circle, Findhorn style, on Friday Nov. 10 7:45-10 p.m., at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St. Beginners welcome, no partners needed. Small donation appreciated, but not necessary. Call 528-4253 for more information

Berkeley Folk Dancers sponsors a community dance party on Friday, Nov. 17 7:45-9:45 p.m., at Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave. at Berryman. Easy dance instructions included. Teens $2 adult non-members $4. For more information call 525-3003.

The 2000 International Taiko Festival featuring performers from Canada, Brazil Japan and the U.S. takes place on Saturday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12 3 p.m. at UC Berkeley Zellerbach Hall Tickets $20, $26 and $32. Discounts for seniors and students. Call 415-928-2456 or 642-9988 for more information.

Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission Adults $2 and $1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130

Contra Costa Civic Theatre opens its 41st season with "Arsenic and Old Lace," by Joseph Kesselring. Performances continue through Nov. 18 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets: $10 each for adults, and $6 each for youth, ages 16 and under with current ID. The theatre is located at 951 Pomona Ave., at Moeser Lane in El Cerrito. For 24-hour reservations call 524-9132.

The Speakeasy Theatre Company, 2016 Seventh St., presents Andrea Mock's low-tech, one-woman play "Brain in a Box," continues through Nov. 11. The play is the story of a young computer geek, Jeff who has a recurring nightmare in which he can't tell if he is a human who thinks too much like a computer or a computer who has been programmed to think its a person.

Family Folkdancing takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome Drop-in class, no registration needed Adults $3, children $2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

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Events

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Oakland Public Library —
MAIN LIBRARY —
Word for Word, Nov. 18, 1 p.m. A performance of "Stories by Sandra Cisneros." For age 7 and up. In the Children's Room.
"Ninth Annual Native American Culture Day," Nov. 18, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring traditional dancing, music, food, a display of Native American art, and storytelling by Corrina Gould. In the West Auditorium.
125 14th St. (510) 238-3615.
BROOKFIELD BRANCH —
"Origami for Kids," Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m. Drop in for fun paper- folding activities led by Alfred Luk.
9255 Edes Ave. (510) 615-5725.
DIMOND BRANCH —
"Children's Book Week," Nov. 14, 7 p.m. Celebrate with author/illustrator Melissa Bay Mathis.
3565 Fruitvale Ave. (510) 482-7844
EASTMONT BRANCH —
"Fun with Physics," Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m. Presented by Professor I. M. Smart.
Eastmont Town Center, Suite 211, 7200 Bancroft Ave. (510) 615-5726.
GOLDEN GATE BRANCH —
"Quilting Bee," Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. Learn how to quilt and put the finishing touches on a quilt
"Children's Book Week," Nov. 16, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate with author/illustrator Melissa Bay Mathis.
"Toddler Lapsit," third and fourth Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Time for stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and more. For age 6 months to 3 1/2 and their parents or caregivers.
5606 San Pablo Ave. (510) 597-5023.
LAKEVIEW BRANCH —
"Children's Book Week," Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate with author/illustrator Melissa Bay Mathis.
550 El Embarcadero. (510) 238-7344.
MONTCLAIR BRANCH —
"Preschool Storytime," Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
"Toddler Storytime," Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
1687 Mountain Blvd. (510) 482-7810.
PIEDMONT AVENUE BRANCH — "Abayomi Storytelling," Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m. Interactive African songs and tales by Muriel Johnson.
160 41st St. (510) 597-5011
ROCKRIDGE BRANCH —
"Children's Book Week," Nov. 15, 7 p.m Celebrate with author/illustrator Melissa Bay Mathis.
5366 College Ave. (510) 597-5017.
TEMESCAL BRANCH —
"Children's Book Week," Nov. 10, 1 p.m. Celebrate with author/illustrator Melissa Bay Mathis.
5205 Telegraph Ave. (510) 597-5049
Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134.

Oakland Zoo —
African Savanna, ongoing. This zoo territory consists of two huge mixed-animal aviaries and 11 African Savanna exhibits. See the meerkat family, hyenas, green monkeys and even a savanna monitor.
Visit the Mahali Pa Tembo (Place of the Elephant) to see African lions, giraffes, chimpanzees and more than 330 other animals from around the world who live in this Oakland hills park. The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a miniature train, a carousel, picnic grounds and a gift shop
"Simba Pori," Swahili for "Lion Country," is a spacious 1.5-acre habitat offering both a savanna and woodland setting for two adult African lions and four young lions
"Footprints from the Past," is an anthropology exhibit showcasing 4 million years of human evolution and an actual "footpath" of the first hominids to emerge from the African savanna
"Sun Bear Exhibit." See the state-of-the-art space the zoo has developed for its two sun bears. The bears' home is designed to challenge the bears mentally

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Redwood Regional Park

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Calendar

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Swing Dance Classes! Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

Classes

Assets Senior Employment offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.
The Albany YMCA offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.
Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see www.juliamorgan.org or call 845-8542 for a brochure.
The Berkeley Adult School (BAS) offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.
The South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.
Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are $15 for YWCA members and $20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.
Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to helped individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.
The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is $10 for nonmembers; $7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.
The van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.
A CopWatch class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.
Berkeley Community Media (BCM), Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.
Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalanjali Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.
Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.
Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.
Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: $8-10. Information: 848-6370.
Let's Swing and Jitterbug; 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; $40 for four classes.

Volunteers

The Alcohol Research Group (ARG) is conducting a study, funded by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The goal of the study is to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment; medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. The study is call the SMART Project. Interested parties may call 1-888-249-8802 for more information.
The Crisis Support Services of Alameda County needs volunteers to provide telephone crisis intervention. The agency needs motivated committed people to serve its 24-hour crisis lines. No prior experience required. Excellent training provided. Call 848-1515 for more information.
Volunteers are needed at the Alameda County Community Food Bank to staff emergency food referral service, the Hunger Hotline. Shifts are available on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Call volunteer coordinator Mary Schoen at 834-FOOD for more information and a current volunteer newsletter.
Contra Costa County Volunteers in Probation are continually seeking dependable volunteers, 21 years plus, who want to spend time with youth on probation. Training will be provided and screening of all applicants is required by the Probation Department. If you are interested, call Kat Thompson, Director of Volunteers in Probation 925-313-4187 or email kmathhompson@hotmail.co.
The City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is seeking experience fitness instructors in many areas of exercise and training, including Tiny tot tumbling, rompergym, acrobatics youth dance, adult aerobics and yoga. If you have experience and have taught contact Recreation supervisor, John Medlock at 524-9283 or come by the Albany Community center at 1249 Marin avenue for an instructor application.
UC Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers who are interested in plants and who would like to learn how to give tours of the Garden. Knowledge of plants is useful, but not required, and prior teaching experience is also helpful, but not essential. Principal qualifications are to like plants and to enjoy people. The training teaches about the Garden and how to lead tours. Call 643-11924 for more information and an application.
The Richmond Public Library seeks Internet Docents to teach Internet skills and to provide hands-on assistance to library patrons. Volunteers are needed for the main library Adult Department, the Children's Department, and the Bayview or West Side branch libraries. Volunteers agree to work with the public for at least one three-hour slot per week for a three month period. Solid Internet skills, including knowledge of Netscape Navigator, Internet Explorer and the ability to use two search engines well are required. Applications are available at the information desk at the main library or at the two branches. For more information, call 620-6561.
Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley needs volunteers. The center serves women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are need for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 548-6933
Volunteers needed at Good Stuff Thrift Shop in El Cerrito. A fun, friendly place to work, all proceeds benefit developmentally disabled children and adults Call 528-9455 for additional information
Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., needs compassionate volunteers to help women with cancer through its information and referral hotline, library, or in-home practical support. Time requirements are two to four hours per week for 6-12 months. Call 548-9286 ext. 309 for an application, interview and more information
Parental Stress Service, Inc. seeks volunteers to serve as Telephone Hotline Counselors. The agency offers supportive counseling to families who need to be heard. To learn more about volunteer opportunities call 893-9230
Volunteer at the Crucible, 1035 Murray St. Sharpen skills, and meet new people in the community. All talents are appreciated. The Crucible is an educational collaboration of arts, industry and community. Call 843-5511 or e-mail crucible@lps.net for more information on how to get involved
There is an immediate need for Home Delivered Meal volunteers at the "Open House" Senior Center to deliver noon day meals to the homebound in Kensington, El Cerrito, and Richmond Annex. For more information, call Nichols at 215-4342
Breast Cancer Action, an advocacy and activist organization aimed to inspire and compel the changes necessary to end the breast cancer epidemic, is seeking volunteers. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities, including events, activist and task force help, and office work during the week, are available. Call 415-243-9301. for additional information
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Tilden Regional Park —
"Tilden Trackers," Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m. A hike to find and identify tracks
"Eye of Newt," Nov. 12, 1 p.m. A hike to learn about the life cycle of the California Newt.
"Talking Turkeys," Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. Learn about these big birds.
"Tilden Mini-Rangers," Nov. 21, 3:30 p.m. An active afternoon of nature study, conservation and rambling through the hill woods and waters. For age 8 to 12.
BOTANIC GARDEN —
Guided docent tours of the gardens. Call ahead for times and to confirm tour is on for the day: most Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m. Free. (510) 841-8732.
Free unless noted otherwise. Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley (510) 525-2233.

UC Berkeley Botanical Garden — ongoing. The gardens have displays of exotic and native plants.
TOURS — Botanical Garden Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour.
$3 general; $2 seniors; $1 children; free on Thursday. Daily, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, behind Memorial Stadium, a mile below the Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley. (510) 643-2755 or www.mip.berkeley.edu/garden/

Mills College Repertory Dance Company — Nov. 16 through Nov. 18, 8 p.m. A program of works by Mark Morris, Molissa Fenley, Kathleen McClintock, Thomas Hagood, and Mary Cochran.
$12 general; $10 students. Haas Pavilion, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. (510) 430-3258 or (510) 430-2175

Oakland Ballet — Nov. 10 through Nov. 12. A program featuring the world premiere of Moses' "Union Fraternal," Caniparoli's "Bow Out" and Fokine's "Les Sylphides." $11 to $39. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 762-BASS.

Berkeley Symphony Orchestra — Kent Nagano conducting, Nov. 10, 8 p.m. A program of works by Ronald Bruce Smith, Beethoven, Elliott Carter. $19 to $36 general; $10 students. Hertz Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way at College Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 841-[illegible]

Cal Performances —
Violinist Andrew Manze and the Academy of Ancient Music, Nov. 16, 8 p.m. A program of works by Purcell, Marini, Bach, van Wassenaer, Handel, and Geminiani. $20 to $42.
Soprano Deborah Voigt, Nov. 19, 3 p.m. With pianist Brian Zeger in a program of works by von Zemlinsky, Griffes, Strauss, Schoenberg, Gounod, Saint-Saens, Wagner. $28 to $48.
Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way at College Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 642-9988.

Julia Morgan Center For The Arts —
"Trading Places: Trios Old and New," Nov. 11, 8 p.m. A performance by The Empyrean Ensemble. $18.
"Il Giocatore" by Eddie Orton, Nov. 14 and Nov. 15, 8 p.m. A modern day operetta of a young Italian who moved to Scotland to follow his dream of playing golf. $100.
"Seher: Traditional Music from Turkey and India," Nov. 18, 8 p.m. A performance by Ihsan Ozgen, Deepak Ram, and their ensemble. $20 general; $15 seniors and students.
2640 College Ave., Berkeley. (510) 84-JULIA.

Oakland East Bay Symphony — Michael Morgan conducting, Nov. 17, 8 p.m. "A Bernstein Remembrance" is a program of Bernstein's "Divertimento" and Mozart's "Requiem." $15 to $55. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (415) 421-8497.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra — Nicholas McGegan conducts, Nov. 11, 8 p.m. and Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. A program of works by Haydn and Mozart. $32 to $46. First Congregational Church, Dana Street and Durant Avenue, Berkeley. (415) 392-4400.

Sacred And Profane — Eduardo Mendelievich conducting, Nov. 18 and Nov. 19. "Tempus Fugit" is a program of works by Poulenc, Ranieri, Ravel, des Pres, Messiaen, Chihara, Britten, Elgar, and Piazolla
Nov. 18, 8 p.m.: Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1940 Virginia St., Berkeley.
Nov. 19, 4 p.m.: Church of St. Leo the Great, 176 Ridgeway Ave., Oakland. $15 general; $12 seniors and students. (510) 524-3611.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church — Organist John Karl Hirten, Nov. 12, 6 p.m. A performance of works by Bach, Hirten, Buxtehude, and Couperin. St. Mark's Choir Association and Orchestra, George Anton Emblom conducting, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. A performance of Schubert's "Mass in G Major." Donation. 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 845-0888.

San Francisco City Chorus — Larry H. Marietta conducting, Nov. 19, 3 p.m. Guest artist: John Walko. "Choral Classics of the 20th Century" is a program of works by Bernstein, Britten, Tavener, Hanson, Thompson, and Convery. $15 general; $10 seniors and students. First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. (415) 765-7664.

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Lowenzahnchen String Quartet, Nov. 15, noon. A program of works by Beethoven and Shostakovich.
University Symphony Orchestra, David Milnes conducting, Nov. 17 and Nov. 18, 8 p.m. A program of Beethoven's "Fourth Symphony" and Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche."
University Chamber Chorus, Paul Flight conducting, Nov. 19, 3 p.m. A program of Britten's "Cantata Misericordium" and works by Michael Tippett.
Free unless otherwise noted. Hertz Hall, Bancroft Way at College Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 642-4864 or (510) 642-9988.

Zion Lutheran Church — California Association of Professional Music Teachers, Nov. 12, 3 p.m. A program of works by Beethoven, Poulenc, Ligeti, Griffes, Britten, and Lamb. Free. 5201 Park Blvd., Piedmont. (510) 444-3595.

Ashkenaz —
Caribbean Allstars, Nov. 11, 9:30 p.m. $11.
Bellydance Party with Alexandria, Luna, Nov. 12, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. $5.
Gator Beat, Nov. 14, 9 p.m. $8.
Jaka, Nov. 16, 8:30 p.m. $5.
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Berkeley Community Theatre —
k.d. lang, Nov. 11, 8 p.m. $38.50 to $46. 1900 Allston Way, Berkeley. (510) 444-TIXS.

Cal Performances —
Steve Reich and Musicians, Nov. 11, 8 p.m. At Hertz Hall. $36.
Oumou Sangare, Habib Koite and Bamada, Nov. 17, 8 p.m. At Zellerbach Hall. $18 to $30.
Saxophonist Sonny Rollins, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. At Zellerbach Hall. $20 to $34.
University of California, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 642-9988.

Cato's Ale House —
Piedmont Bluegrass and Jam, Nov. 11.
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Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Nov. 19. $16.50 to $17.50.
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International Taiko Festival 2000 —
Nov. 11 and Nov. 12. "A Celebration of Japanese Drumming" features Yufuin Genryu Taiko, Seiichi Tanaka and the San Francisco Taiko Dojo, Rising Stars Dream Team, and others.
$20 to $32. Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 642-9988 or (510) 762-BASS.

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La Pena Cultural Center —
Collective Soul II, Nov. 10, 8 p.m. With Company of Prophets, Goapele, X Roads, Bamuthi, Dream Nefra, DJ Sake 1. $7 to $10.
"Don't Look Back," Nov. 11, 8 p.m. $15.
Descarga Cubana with Charanga Habanera, Nov. 12, 8 p.m. $22.
Mercedes Metal and Friends, Nov. 15, 8 p.m. $15.
RhythMix, Nov. 17, 8:30 p.m. $12.
Descarga Cubana with John Santos and Machete Ensemble, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. $14.
Cesar Daniel Lopez, Nov. 19, 2:30 p.m. $12.
Descarga Cubana with Maraca y Otra Vision, Nov. 19, 8 p.m. $20.
3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568 or www.lapena.org

924 Gilman St. —
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The Sick, Lonely Kings, Towards An End, No Regrets, Youth Gone Wild, Nov. 18.
$5. Music at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. (510) 525-9926.

Paramount Theatre —
An Evening with Paul Simon, Nov. 13 and Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
$55. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 762-2277.

The 18th Annual San Francisco Jazz Festival —
Keith Jarrett, Gary Peacock and Jack DeJohnette, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. $20 to $52
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It's the last game in the career of 11 seniors and it could be a historical one for junior quarterback Gus Papanikolas. The leader of the Gaels' pitch and shoot offensive attack, Papanikolas has a chance to become the first player in school history to pass and rush for 1,000 yards in a season.


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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST Trustee Sale No. 200-020277 Loan No. 2563120 Title Order No. 563726 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/21/98. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the sale of the property known as: 3016 Ann Drive, Richmond, CA. Assessor's Parcel Number: 414-084-011-9 will be sold at public auction at the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street (corner of Main and Court Street), Martinez, CA on or 12/01/2000, at 10:00 AM, to the highest bidder at the same or sale, for cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Financial Code Section 5102 and authorized to do business in California. The property heretofore is being sold as is. The sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust executed by, Robert L. Mosley and Martha H. Mosley, as trustor, Recorded on 10/31/1991 Instrument 91 229297, Book 16980, Page 252, of the Official Records of Contra Costa County, California. The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of the initial publication of this notice is $38,647.54 (Estimated) which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonably estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publica-tion of this notice. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore, exe-cuted and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 11/6/00 PLM Lender Services, Inc., 577 Salmar Ave, Suite 100, Campbell, CA 95008, (408) 370-4030. For Trustee's Sale Information, please call: (916) 387-7728, Elizabeth A. Godbey, Assistant Vice President ASAP408982 11/10, 11/17, 11/24

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: TS NO. 00-015990 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/21/1998. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cash-ier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein-after described Property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Sonja R. Burks, an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: Buckley & Associates, Inc. Recorded 10/28/1998 as Instrument No. 98-0268012-00 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Contra Costa, County, California. Date of Sale: 11/27/2000 at 9:45 AM Place of Sale: At the North side of the City Hall, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, Ca Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $110,551.86 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 2524 Cutting Boulevard Richmond, California 94804 APN: 549-191-007-0 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown, above. If no street address or other com-mon designation is shown, directions to the location of the Property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: November 02, 2000 Buckley & Associates, Inc. 26522 La Alameda, Suite #200 Mission Viejo, California 92691 949-348-8826 Ariane C. Bowditch, Asst. Vice President C314333 11/3, 11/10, 11/17 2000

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 00-06063 Loan No 8775503 Title Order No. 077007069 Investor/Insurer No. 1663084 APN No.: 409-132-014-5YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/17/93. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CTC Real Estate Services FKA CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by RICHARD L. TUCKER AND SHARON L. TUCKER, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS dated 09/17/93 and recorded 09/29/93 as instrument No. 93269226 in book 18991, page 161 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California, will sell on 11/27/00 at 10:00AM, At the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street (corner of Main and Court Streets), Martinez, CA on public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1540 6TH STREET, RICHMOND, CA. 94801 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $80654.94 It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total in-debtedness due, in addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state Said sale will be made, in an AS IS condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Dated: 10/29/00 CTC Real Estate Services FKA CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation, 400 Countrywide Way, SV-88, Simi Valley, CA 93065 Phone: (805) 520-5241 Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By: S/Trustee Sale OfficerCTC Real Estate Services is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Pub: 11/03/00, 11/10/00, 11/17/00 CNS1804942

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 00-06746 Loan No. 216567 Title Order No. 077007480 Investor/Insurer No. 0009280191159 APN No. 414-052-018-2YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/30/98. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that CTC Real Estate Services FKA CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by VALERIE A. ALLUMS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN dated 10/30/98 and recorded 11/24/98, as instrument No. 98-0294927-00 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California, will sell on 12/01/00 at 10:00AM, At the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street (corner of Main and Court Street), Martinez, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5164 RICHMOND AVE, RICHMOND, CA. 94806 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $83,694.91 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed, in addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an AS IS condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Dated: 11/1/00 CTC Real Estate Services FKA CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation, 400 Countrywide Way, SV-88, Simi Valley, CA 93065 Phone: (805) 520-5241 Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By: S/Trustee Sale OfficerCTC Real Estate Services is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Pub: 11/03/00, 11/10/00, 11/17/00, 11/24/00 CNS1804943

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No. 0080000216 SERVICER # 2957433 BORROWER DAVIS YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/8/99. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PRO-CEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 27, 2000 at 10:00 AM, Fidelity National Foreclosure Solutions, as duly appointed Trustee deed of trust dated April 8, 1999 executed by ROBERT J. DAVIS as trustor, recorded recorded April 21, 1999 as instrument No. 99-0106709-00 In Book — Page — of the official records of the recorder's office of CONTRA COSTA County, California, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash, or cashier's check (drawn and payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States as specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code), AT THE COURT STREET EN-TRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, * 725 COURT STREET (CORNER OF MAIN AND COURT STREET), MARTINEZ, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the following described property situated in the aforesaid County and State, LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 16, AMENDED MAP OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND FILED MARCH 31, 1905, BOOK 9, PAGE 74 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. 400-404 BISSE AVENUE RICHMOND, CA 94801 APN 538-310-001 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said deed of trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the deed of trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said deed of trust, towit $139,566.17 DATED: November 3, 2000 FIDELITY NATIONAL FORECLOSURE SOLUTIONS, as trustee 3636 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 200 San Diego, CA 92108 (619) 528-4688 (916) 387-7728(714) 573-1965 SALES INFORMATION: BY: Authorized Signature ASAP406969 11/03, 11/10, 11/17

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST FILE: F-24051-MR A.P.N. 039472185019864O/SUTTON OTHER: 94700916 A.P. NUMBER: 468-033-024 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED November 27, 1996 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGA NST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER A STATEMENT OF LEGAL RIGHTS FOLLOWS THE END OF THIS NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that Quality Loan Service Corp. as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Latonja Sutton, a single woman, and recorded on 12/10/96 as Instrument No 96-229324 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 7/21/2000 as Instrument No. 2000-153937 of said Official Records. Will sell on 12/1/2000 at 10:00 A.M. at the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse 725 Court Street, (corner of Main and Court Street, Martinez, CA. PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 616 Bradford Drive, Richmond, CA. 94806. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $83,494.71. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed, in addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose by either ourselves or the Beneficiary, whether received orally or in writing. Quality Loan Service Corp., as said Trustee, 1650 East Fourth Street, Second Floor Santa Ana CA 92701. (714) 258-8940 for SALE information (916) 387-7728 NON SALE information ONLY by: Susan Hurley, Sr. Trustee's Sale Technician. Date: November 02, 2000 ASAP406985 11/10, 11/17, 11/24

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September 29, 2000
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. CAUGHREAN,
Deputy
FILE NO. 2000-5448
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: JAMES CARPET CLEANING is located at 5 Medinah Ct. in San Ramon, CA. 94583 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Jaime Tamayo
5 Medinah Ct.
San Ramon, CA. 94583

This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Jaime Tamayo
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on September 29, 2000
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. CAUGHREAN,
Deputy
FILE NO. 2000-5371
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: 1)WILDCAT PRINTS, 2) WILDCAT GRRRAPHICS 3) WILDCAT GRRAPHICS is located at 1517 Elm Ave, In Richmond Heights, CA. 94805 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Linda Lozito
1517 Elm Ave.
Richmond Heights, CA. 94805

This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Linda Lozito
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on September 27, 2000
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. CAUGHREAN,
Deputy
FILE NO. 2000-5299
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: RAMIREZ TRUCKING is located at: 2476 20TH St. In San Pablo, CA. 94806 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Matilde Ramirez
2476 20th St.
San Pablo, CA. 94806

This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Matilde Ramirez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on October 6, 2000
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OCTOBER 11, 2000
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. CAUGHREAN,
Deputy
FILE NO. 2000-6881
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: THE COURTENAY DESIGN GROUP is located at 1485 Enea court in Concord, CA. 94520 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Robert Courtenay Cook
3966 Mulberry Drive
Concord, CA. 94519

This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Robert Cook
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on October 11, 2000
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OCTOBER 17, 2000
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. CAUGHREAN,
Deputy
FILE NO. 2000-6815
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business DECUIR DIGITAL RECORDING AND PRODUCTION is located at 10293 B San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito, CA. 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s).

David Decuir
319 36th St.
Richmond, CA. 94805

This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ David Decuir
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above
Business commenced on October 17, 2000
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OCTOBER 16, 2000
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. CAUGHREAN,
Deputy
FILE NO. 2000-6792
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business GREENE & ASSOCIATES is located at 190 El Cerrito Plaza #305 in EL CERRITO, CA. 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s)

Carolyn E. Green
535 Liberty St. #206
El Cerrito, CA. 94530

This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Carolyn E. Greene
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above
Business commenced on October 16, 2000
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OCTOBER 23, 2000
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. CAUGHREAN,
Deputy
FILE NO. 2000-6984
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: 1) TECH ONE LEARNING/TRAINING CENTER 2) TOP TECH LEARNING/TRAINING CENTER is located at 11100 San Pablo Ave #106 in El Cerrito, CA. 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s)

June Lu
721 Stockton
El Cerrito, CA. 94530
Greta Chang
193 Mt Court
Kensington, CA. 94707

This business is conducted by: Co-Partners
/s/ Greta Chang
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above
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OCTOBER 17, 2000
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. CAUGHREAN,
Deputy
FILE NO. 2000-6814
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business KING EGG ROLLS is located at 404 Alhambra Ave #101 in Martinez, CA. 94553 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Peter Nguyen
5281 Clearbrook Drive
Concord, CA. 94521
Thach Phuong
5281 Clearbrook Dr.
Concord, CA. 94521

This business is conducted by: Husband and Wife
/s/ Peter Nguyen
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above
Business commenced on October 17, 2000
Expires October 17, 2005
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LISA ANN BROZOVICH
44 Bayside Court
Richmond, CA. 94804
510-965-1760

In Pro Per

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
725 Court Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Case No. C00-04561
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the Application of
LISA ANN BROZOVICH

1. THE COURT FINDS that Petitioner(s) LISA ANN BROZOVICH has filed a petition for Change of Name with the clerk of this court for an order changing the name(s) of Applicant(s) from LISA ANN BROZOVICH to LISA GRACE HERNAND

2. THE COURT ORDERS:
(a) All people interested in the above matter appear before this court to show cause why this Application for Change of Name should not be granted on:
Hearing date: DECEMBER 26, 2000, Time: 3:24 p.m., Dept. 02, Room 8001 located at 825 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553

(b) A copy of this order to show cause be published in the El Cerrito Journal, a newspaper of general circulation printed in Contra Costa County, California.

Dated: October 26, 2000
JUDITH A. SANDERS
JUDGE PRO TEM OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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Sharyl Gates expands artwork to creekside mural

If you stroll around Cerrito Creek Park you will come upon a wall bearing a wonderful mural. Its central panel is a path of stepping stones. You find yourself wandering down into a world of imagined delight. The other panels are the work of the neighborhood children, and a few assorted adults, under the direction of artist Sharyl Gates. The paintings of birds and other delightful creatures add to the magic of the area.

The mural is on the back of a fence around a house. The fence abuts another similar fence, and Sharyl looks forward to the day when the person owning that fence might allow her to do another mural project on his wall, resulting in a bright, creative mural finishing the beautiful area around the creek.

The painted path that so enticed me is a favorite subject of Sharyl's. Like me, she can dream her way down the path and into a world of imagination. And imagination and creativity are a great part of Sharyl Gates' life. She had prepared for our interview by bringing out to the garage (and sometimes studio) some of her favorite works. From the house came the sounds of guitar music which, she told me, was one of her husband, Jack's CDs.

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

Some of the paintings she had on view for me were of Jack, playing his beloved guitar, and others of his musical group. Most of them were made in quick brush strokes as she painted them during one or other of their "gigs". She would then bring them home and work on them to give them a more finished look. It seemed to me that the quick paintings captured the person's character as he played the instrument that was almost a part of him.

Among the paintings, too, were pictures of her children, Cole, 10 and Alexandra, 5. They have grown up posing for mom often.

Sharyl Gates was born in Los Angeles and, as she grew up she was "always into art, theater and singing." Later she and a friend drove up to the Bay Area and fell in love with Northern California. So as soon as the opportunity presented itself, she moved up to San Francisco. She found a job with the Renaissance Faire, and worked with them for more than 10 years. She did many things: accounting, singing on the week ends, was their housekeeper, took care of members' children, and cooked all their meals. All this at the age of 16. Then she got involved with staging and sets, and was hired in the scenic department, working with props and costumes. She was a full-time employee, doing everything from dishes to set design.

Then she started getting commissions from others — always in something to do with art. And she continued her education, She has attended the Academy of Art College, Pierce College and the Art Center College of Design.

She came to the East Bay in 1979. Although she continued her work, she also started working for other companies, such as ACT, etc., doing scenic painting. At one point she worked for Bill Graham Presents as a stage hand — one of two women doing that work. Sometimes she set up sets she, herself, had painted.

She does drawing, acrylics, watercolor, scenic, inks, portraits, murals, illustrations and design. She has private drawing classes: drawing class at the Berkeley/Albany Chinese school, painting for the stage class at Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School, and mural painting/life drawing at Joaquin Miller Elementary School in Oakland.

She talks about doing murals for the Clean Express Laundry, in exchange for laundry and cleaning service. She has done paintings of all of the owner's grandchildren. "She always comes up with something for me to paint, and I always need my laundry done."

Husband Jack, whose lovely guitar I could still hear from the house, both plays and teaches the instrument. And Sharyl loves to accompany him when he plays either solo or with a group.

Her art is a living thing, and she delights in telling me about the two shows she has just completed, one in the Albany Community Center, entitled "Words and Painting and Picture Poems." The other was a big show — the first of its kind she has had since her marriage. It was in the Cafe Roma in Berkeley, and her eyes shine as she reports that she sold one painting in the first hour of the show. It was in that show, also, that one of her paintings was stolen. The painting of "Augustin Barrios", Venezuelan guitarist/composer, has never been recovered. Her works have also been shown In the El Cerrito Library and the Kensington Library, as well as the El Cerrito Community Center.

Her singing and her poetry are very real, also. She gave me a copy of her poem "Dot-com Cowboy." Very today, very witty.

Sharyl loves her small El Cerrito home, and the neighborhood it is in. But she acknowledges that as her family grows, so does the need for a large home. Meanwhile she can stroll — as we did together — from her home to the Cerrito Creek Park. She pointed out to me all the little things people had done to their homes to beautify them and make them unique

I do get to write about a lot of artists. They tend to be such interesting people, don't they? We have many of them here in our wonderful area.

It was Honor Brion who called me to tell me about Sharyl Gates, and I do thank you. And I invite all of you to give me your ideas of interesting people etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94702, or call 525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

Events

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Friends, just at the moment when one marriage is breaking up and the shockwaves threaten the surviving relationships. $40.50 to $51. Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Nov. 15, 8 p.m.; Nov. 18, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 7, Dec. 16, Dec. 21, Dec. 30 and Jan. 4, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; NO PERFORMANCES NOV. 23 AND DEC. 24. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 647-2949 or (888) 4BRTTIX.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre — "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring, closing Nov. 18. A classic American comedy featuring an unusual cast of characters from Teddy Roosevelt to Boris Karloff to two sweet old ladies. $10 general; $6 children age 16 and under. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. (510) 524-9132

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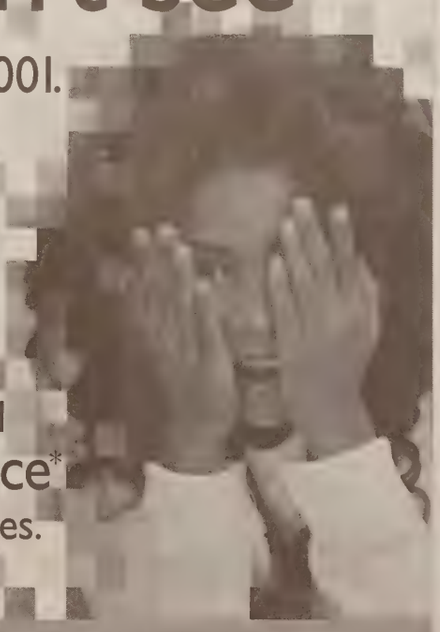
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The essentials of a romantic dinner for tw

By Daniel Aspell

"Ah yes," says the maître'd, "We have your table right over here. Intimate, as you requested." There you've done it. That first step toward the romantic dinner you've been planning with that special someone is complete. You take your place at the table, the attentive host unfolds your napkins, drapes them softly over your laps and presents the menu.

Now what?

This is a point where many of u have stumbled. After all, the movies just show the first steps; they don't exactly teach you what to do in order to keep the idy lic evening going. But if you're ready to go all out for this spe cial ree, here's a course-by-course guide hitting all the right spots à la carte.

First, you'll be asked if monsieur or mademoiselle would like a drink to start. Here, you need to consider whether to go with wine throughout the meal or have an apéritif first. If you wish to start with a cocktail, a very cold and classic martini or a glass of fine sherry carry exciting implications. With wines, luckily, champagne is the only one truly recommended for drinking throughout the entire meal. Ask to see the wine list and order a dry bubbler, either French or an American methode Champenoise.

For appetizers, two choices reign as the all-time romantic starter courses: caviar and oysters. Though Beluga caviar is still recognized as the finest, less expensive roe is found on many menus. The salty tang of the fine sturgeon eggs, mixed with a bit of creme fraiche and minced onion, provides an experience for the palate. Oysters, whether served raw on the half-shell



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2001 Miata gives meaning to Zoom Zoom

Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

What do the words "Zoom Zoom" mean to you? For me, in the 2001 Mazda Miata, these words mean carefree, unrhibited enjoyment when driving under an open sky.

Zoom Zoom is featured in Mazda's advertising campaign and the words seem applicable to the Miata, a small two-seat convertible that doesn't cost an arm and a leg. Well, that might not be exactly true; $26,000 could buy many other cars — but not in the ragtop category. The price of convertibles is usually in the upper stratosphere.

Since the Miata's inception back in the late '80s, this little mite has always been among my favorite cars for two reasons: everything about it is simple and basic, and tossing the top down is very easy.

In the simple-and-basic category, the Miata allows me to feel that the car and I are one and the same. Steering is easy, quick and precise — which provides a unified feeling when sitting behind the wheel. And this unification has nothing to do with the fact that the space allotment for the driver is very limited.

As for the ragtop, simply release a couple of latches and toss the top backwards. It is that simple, and because it is

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2001 MAZDA MIATA, a simple, basic, $26,000 ragtop with spunk.

Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

Gift ideas for car lovers

Car buffs are easy to buy presents for. Now's the time to make holiday gift selections in case ordering and shipping are involved. Here are four suggestions for those car nuts on your list.

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Don't pair bias ply and radial tires on '70 Buick

Ask the Auto Doc

By Junior Damato

Dear Doctor: I am having a hard time finding a lead substitute and bias ply tires for my 1970 Buick Skylark. What can you advise? Charles

Dear Charles: There is no need to add lead substitute to your Buick. (There is plenty of lead and carbon build-up.) If you want to be extra safe, add 4 ounces of Marvel Mystery oil every other tank fill up. For the bias tire question, install four new radial tires and you will think you are in a new car. You cannot pair bias and radial tires. The radial has less rolling resistance than the bias tire.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990 Cadillac Fleetwood front-wheel drive, 4.5-liter V8. I recently had the transmission overhauled. Since the overhaul I have been back to the shop three times for the same slipping problem when I go around corners after making stops. To regain power, I have to shift into neutral, then back into drive. Recently, the same problem happened in stop-and-go traffic. What can you suggest? Shela

Dear Shela: It appears to me that the shop you are going to does not have the skill to find the problem. Find another shop that has knowledge of your car. Alldata lists Technical Service Bulletin No. T89-135, intermittent loss of drive. The problem is caused from an out-of-adjustment 1-2 band stop. This adjustment should have been done when the shop overhauled the transmission. Another problem source could be an internal leak. Something as minor as an improperly sealed transmission could suck air instead of fluid. Once the transmission problem is corrected, head down to the shop that could not fix the transmission problem. The shop owner has a choice to pay the bill to correct the problem the technician caused or see them in court. Get a copy of the T.S.B. If the problem is T.S.B. No. T189-135, the fix is done with the transmission in the car.

Dear Doctor: I am currently leasing a 1999 Saturn SL1, which I plan to buy at the end of the lease. Since Day One the engine has had a ticking sound at start-up whenever it sits for 30 minutes or longer. The longer it sits, the longer the engine ticks. On my first trip to the dealer, he said to let the engine break in. The second time in they said the tick was normal. The third time in they said the problem was the oil being used from a competitor. They also said a lot of Saturns have a tick at start-up. The 800 customer assistance number has been no help. What should I do and is the tick normal? Robert

Dear Robert: The answer is simple. Give the car back at the end of the lease, and buy or lease anything but another Saturn. There are a lot of other makes out there that are a better value. An occasional five-second tick after the car sits overnight is not unusual. An initial tick upon start-up after an engine sits overnight is usually caused from a hydraulic valve lifter leaking down fluid pressure. As soon as the engine starts, oil pressure pumps up the lifter. I am amazed that the Saturn dealer would not replace the lifters and give you a loaner while your car was in the shop. Isn't its reputation built around "A different kind of car company"? Good luck on your next selection.

Dear Doctor: My husband and I own a 1990 Mercury Cougar. Recently, the head gasket failed. We had the driver side head gasket replaced. Upon inspection we noticed there was no small hole in a water jacket. The technician drilled a small hole so coolant would flow. The head is back on and the engine runs fine. Could this be a defect in design? I have heard a lot of stories about the 3.8-liter V6 engine having problems with head gasket failure. What is your opinion? Noreen

Dear Noreen: It is no secret that Ford has had problems with cylinder heads and head gaskets on the 3.8-liter V6 engine. In fact, some front-wheel drive vehicles are under a recall for this problem. As for a missing water port hole in the head gasket, this doesn't mean there was a de[illegible] in head gasket design. It is my [illegible] ion that the problem is caused [illegible] cylinder head being [illegible] the design and n[illegible] hold the head o[illegible] minum and steel expan[illegible] tract at different temperatures [illegible] amounts. With the car being 10 [illegible] old, I do not think there is [illegible] bility on Ford's part with your [illegible] gasket problem.

Dear Doctor: I own a [illegible] Chevrolet Lumina 3.4-liter V6 [illegible] problem is intermittent stalling [illegible] taking a corner or [illegible] [illegible] tions? Whit

Dear Whit: All[illegible] Technical Service [illegible]

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Drive

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The Wet Look Collection, and Performance Collection. Prices for the collections range from $20 to $260 (an electric buffer accounting for most of the latter.)

Each collection is complete down to the soft and thirsty terry towels. Meguiar's does a special Christmas Collection, too, with an added gift. (This year it's a special clock.)

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2. From car bodies to human bodies is a simple segue if you are Alex Volkmann, a one-time make-up artist. She rang a few changes on the surface care concerns of both and came up with a unisex line of cosmetics called Heavy Duty.

Her husband, Fletcher, was responsible for the great packaging. (The TurboScrub body scrub looks like a miniature motor oil container.)

Indeed, if the products on which she collaborated with a chemist weren't so good themselves, the packaging alone would make the Heavy Duty products the stars of any gearhead's boudoir or bath.

Some names: HandGear (hand cream), MotorWash (shower gel), AutoStrip (shave cream), BodyLube (body lotion). A Jump Start kit of travel-sized Heavy Duty products sells for $25. Look for it in some Nordstrom's, Bloomingdale's and even the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles. Or go to the website: www.heavydutyco.com.

3. Scene Saver USA is a Santa Fe, N.M., company that made its name producing computer screensavers of scenic spots such as Santa Fe, Sedona and the like.

They added an automotive line that can put car buffs into a trance before their computer screens.

Each one has more than 100 photos, some as many as 130. And they are all the work of highly regarded photographers with automotive specialties.

Photographs on the computer are particularly dramatic because of the luminosity of the screen.

Available automotive screensavers: Hot Rods by Paul Martinez and Pickup Trucks by William Seitz.

A recent addition to the line is a second volume of Tom Burnside's Roadracing in the Americas, 1950s-1960s. The first volume was classic black and white; the second is in color.

Another recent addition is Dennis Adler's 100 Best Cars ranging from vintage to the latest exotica. Scene Saver USA is adding new photographers and their works are making this genre the newest field for automotive collectors.

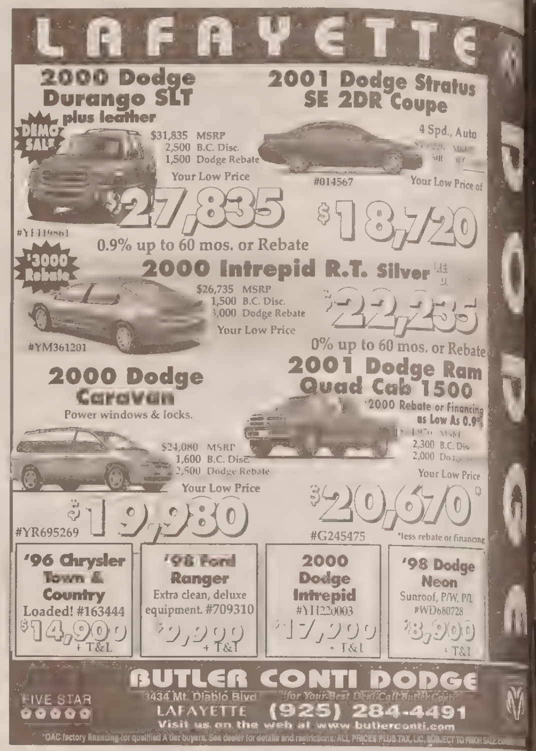
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4. Car collectors, whether their collection is real or fantasy, love to see what their dream cars are going for at auction to determine what they might have had if they'd only been there to bid, or how much their once-owned darling is now worth.

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Keane

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so uninvolved, I did it almost every time I got into the car, providing me the maximum pleasure of the sun or moon.

What makes the 2001 model zoomier this year is the additional 15 horsepower and 16-inch alloy wheels. Another zoom comes from the five-speed manual transmission — on the occasions that I was able to shift gears within the very tight gate without becoming hung up. Incidentally, this year a six-speed transmission is available on the LS model, and an automatic is an option for both models.

The extra horsepower increases the 1.8-liter four-cylinder to 155 horsepower. That's not a high number, nor is the acceleration or the top speed worth boasting. But Miata owners can brag about the car's respectable fuel economy: 23 mpg city and 28 mpg highway.

In spite of the ordinary acceleration, from inside the Miata the sound of the brumm-brumm coming from the specially tuned exhaust makes zooming around corners more stimulating. This car is built low to the ground, and with its low center of gravity, plus a sturdy suspension system, the car has a solid feel when making sharp turns.

This car also has an improved larger braking system with a bigger master cylinder and better friction pads. Again, the LS model offers options in this area, too: ABS is available for $550. For the big spender, options include a cassette player, detachable hardtop, mud guards, and a rear spoiler. There are also a couple of choices of suspensions available.

My tester was equipped with leather trimmed upholstery, air conditioning, a Bose audio system, power windows, power door locks, and cruise control. Other amenities: power antenna, glass rear window defogger, bucket seats, leather wrapped steering wheel, a trunk capable of storing a little more than carry-on luggage, and most importantly, dual cup holders.

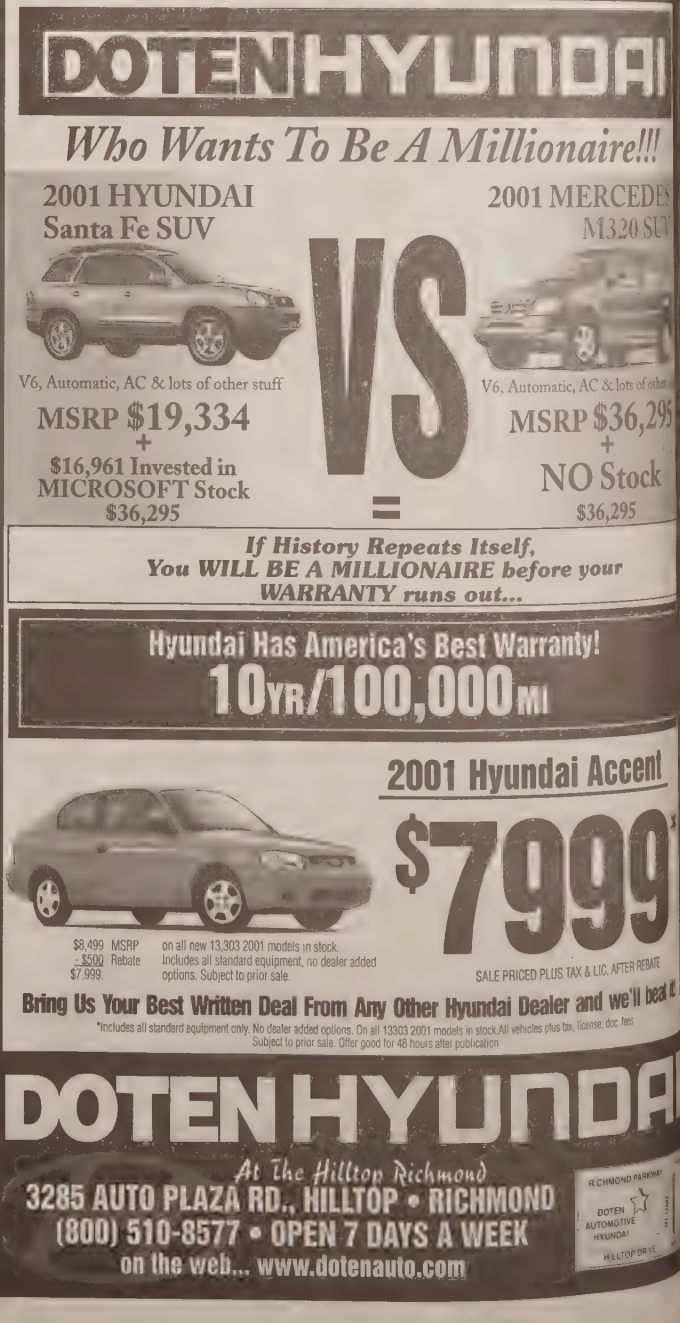
In my mind, however, jazzing this car up with goodies gets away from its original intent. I remember the Miata when I had to wind down the windows, and there was no remote keyless entry. It was simply a fun car — and it still is. Besides, this car's noisy interior wouldn't do justice to a CD. Not only is the interior noise level high, the ride is a bit harsh.

But the Miata isn't intended to be a comfy-cozy car; it's intended for the person who enjoys driving on an open road and understands the meaning of the words Zoom Zoom.

SPECIFICATIONS
2001 MAZDA MIATA

VEHICLE TYPE...... 2-passenger RWD convertible
BASE PRICE......... $23,930 (as tested: $26,005)
ENGINE TYPE....... 4-cylinder 16-valve DOHC w/variable valve timing
DISPLACEMENT................ 1.8-liter
HORSEPOWER (net)..... 155 at 7000 rpm
TORQUE (lb-ft)..... 125 at 5500 rpm
TRANSMISSION..... 5-speed manual
WHEELBASE.......... 89 in. 2260 mm
TREAD (front/rear)...... 56 / 57 in. 1422 / 1276 mm
OVERALL LENGTH......... 156 in. 3900 mm
OVERALL WIDTH...... 66 in. 1676 mm
HEIGHT............. 48 in. 1219 mm
TURNING (curb-to-curb)....... 30 ft. 9.1 m
CURB WEIGHT........ 2,447 lbs. 1109 kg
FUEL CAPACITY...... 12 gals. 45 L
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In 1932, Plymouth PB sedan cost a whopping $635

By [illegible]

The low-priced three — Chevrolet, Ford and Plymouth — sold 749,481 cars in 1932. Chevrolet had abandoned its four-cylinder engine in favor of a six-cylinder in 1929, and in 1932 Ford introduced the revolutionary V-8 to replace the four-cylinder engine. Plymouth wouldn't have a six-cylinder engine until 1933.

Sales reflected the development of the engines. In 1932 Chevrolet sold 313,395, Ford sold 256,080 and Plymouth sold 180,006. Although there was nothing wrong with Plymouth's 196-cubic-inch, 65-horsepower, four-cylinder engine, it was just that Chevrolet had a six and Ford had an eight.

The next year, Plymouth would have a six-cylinder engine, but in the meantime it would have to offer more content in the rest of the car to compete. Chevrolets for 1932 rode on a 109-inch wheelbase, while Fords had to contend with a 106.5-inch wheelbase. Plymouth, however, was built on a luxurious 112-inch wheelbase.

One of the more popular 1932 Plymouth models was the PB four-door sedan, a 2,875-pound car that carried a base price of $635. A total of 38,066 such models were manufactured, and one of them was purchased by a farmer in rural Maryland.

After the newness wore off, the car became the mode of transportation around the farm. Years later it was sold to a father/son team who over seven years restored the handsome black-over-maroon car with black fenders. The third owner, Ed F. Ianuzi, bought the Plymouth April 20, 1998. Ianuzi, on an outing with his wife, DeAnne, had stopped for a snack when they noticed an antique-car show was underway across the street. Upon entering the show they both were captivated by a freshly restored 1932 Plymouth four-door sedan with a "for sale" sign in the window. Ianuzi inquired of the owner and was told two others also were interested — he'd have to wait his turn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ianuzi were just a few blocks into their test drive with the seller in the back seat. At a traffic light Ianuzi made an offer, the seller accepted and Ianuzi's wife handed him the check she had already completed. The elated Ianuzis returned home. The following Monday the Plymouth was delivered on the back of a truck.

With great care the Plymouth was rolled off the truck on its four 5.25x18-inch, four-ply Allstate Safety Tread tires with a fifth one gracing the rear of the car. Ianuzi entered the cozy cabin, turned the ignition key with his left hand, stepped on the starter with his right foot and the Plymouth began to purr rhythmically.

At the top of the wood-grained dashboard in the center is the free-wheeling control. To the left is the choke, and to the right is the throttle. Below those three knobs is a chrome-plated instrument cluster with a cylindrical speedometer in the center, oil pressure and water temperature gauges to the left, and ammeter and gas gauge to the right.

The driver's vision through the 9-inch high, one-piece windshield is kept clear with the aid of an overhead vacuum wiper. The passenger doesn't need to see where he's going unless the owner paid for the optional right wiper. The wiper hung down from the top to accommodate the ability of the windshield to be pushed open at the bottom for greater ventilation.

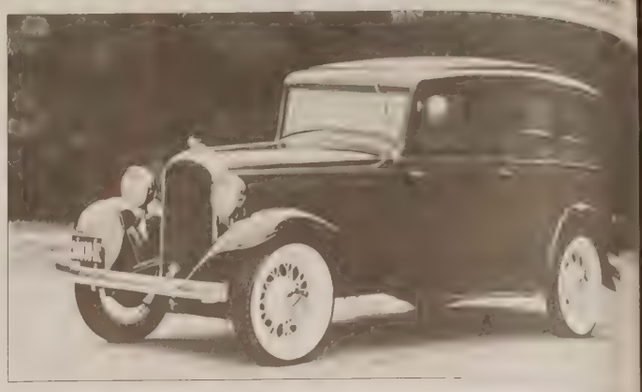
Designers of the 1932 Plymouth went to great lengths to visually enlarge the car. One of their ploys was to extend the engine hood past the fire wall up to the windshield, thus eliminating a vertical line that would visually shorten the car. This design created a problem since the cowl was effectively eliminated. The solution was to cut a pair of rectangles at the rear of the lengthened hood and have the two cowl vents protrude through the hood.

The designers outdid themselves in the rear passenger compartment. Imagine, a low-priced car offering a floor-mounted foot rail, in addition to contoured armrests and, above them, recessed thumbscrew cranks to operate the quarter-panel windows.

The front-seat passenger had access to a pocket in the right front door. Ianuzi found some weak parts at the rear of the car that he promptly cut out and replaced with healthy metal. He then had the hind quarters of the car repainted. All parts of the black top, maroon body, black fenders, ivory 40-spoke wheels and pinstriping match perfectly

Ianuzi has gone so far as cleaning, painting and polishing the exposed parts of the undercarriage. Even the nuts and bolts holding the car to-

gether were polished [illegible] caps [illegible] so [illegible] mouth [illegible] speed [illegible] speed [illegible] said [illegible]



PLYMOUTH'S 1932 four-cylinder engine was not as popular as Ford's V-8 or Chevy's six-cylinder ... PB four-door sedan had plenty of features to lure buyers.

Ford plugs up deflated confidence with tire choice

Down the Road

By Michelle Krebs

For the first time in history, Ford will offer its dealers and customers a choice of tire brands on the 2002 Explorer sport utility, which arrives in showrooms in early 2001.

Surveys indicate Ford risks losing potential sport utility buyers who are wary of purchasing an Explorer and even more wary of buying one outfitted with Firestone tires. Buyer wariness stems from the recall and the media reporting some Firestone tires are prone to separation under certain conditions, causing accidents that have killed more than 100 people.

Ford can't afford the risk with its redesigned 2002 Explorer. The Explorer has been the best-selling sport utility in America for a decade, and it is a high-profit vehicle for Ford and its dealers.

To give customers peace of mind, Ford will offer them a choice of tire brands. They can equip the next-generation Explorer with either 16-inch Firestone tires or Michelin tires.

The current Explorer comes with only 15-inch or 16-inch Firestone tires. In addition, Ford reportedly is negotiating with Goodyear Tire & Rubber and Continental General Tire to produce tires for the Explorer, giving buyers more choice.

Ford acknowledges giving consumers a choice of tire brands is a major shift in strategy and one it likely will expand to other models in the future. Can other automakers be far behind?

Probably not. Consumers have ranked brand of tire, as well as other attributes of the tire, as increasingly important in recent years.

"We have seen over time how important certain features are, such as brand, tire tread, design and size," said Jeff Zupancic, senior manager of the tire practice for J. D. Power and Associates. The Agoura Hills, Calif., market research company annually surveys tens of thousands of consumers regarding their satisfaction with their new vehicle, as well as their satisfaction with the tires on that vehicle and replacement tires.

"Seventy percent of consumers we survey consistently indicate tires have an important impact on their vehicle-buying decision."

Many consumers likely will welcome the opportunity to choose tire brands on their new vehicle, but selection of a tire makes a complicated decision on selecting a vehicle and outfitting it with options and features even more mind boggling.

"Unfortunately, buying tires is not like trying on a pair of shoes, and you are making a long-term commitment to the tires — two to four years or longer — depending on your driving style," said Zupancic.

A good starting point in selecting tires for your new vehicle or replacement tires for your current vehicle is with the grades printed on the sidewall of the tire.

Tires are graded on tread wear, traction and temperature by the tire manufacturers based on Department of Transportation guidelines.

The traction grade represents how well the tire performed when the vehicle was driven on a wet surface in a straight line and the brakes were applied.

The temperature grade represents the resistance to the heat generated by running the tire at high speed. Treadwear is a comparative rating based on how well the tire wears in field testing following a government specified course.

Though lower-grade tires may be cheaper, David Van Sickle, AAA's director of automotive and consumer information in Washington, D.C., advises sticking with top-grade tires.

The correct tire size is another critical factor, said AAA's Van Sickle.

J. D. Power makes public two reports a year on tires: one on original equipment tires and one on replacement tires.

Respondents rate the tires on quality, wearability, safety, traction, ride and styling. In J. D. Power's most recent survey on original equipment tires, released in October, Michelin ranked highest in satisfaction among owners of cars, minivans and light trucks.

In fact, Michelin has been a consistent top performer in the surveys. Other consistently strong performers in past J. D. Power's surveys are Pirelli, Continental, BF Goodrich and Goodyear.

In the 2000 study, 31,000 consumers were interviewed between March and May — before the massive Firestone recall and after the consumers' first year with the new vehicle and original tires.

In the survey, Michelin was followed by Continental Tire, BF Goodrich Tires and Dunlop, respectively, in the car and minivan category. Michelin was followed by Dunlop, BF Goodrich Tires, Bridgestone and Firestone, respectively, in the light-truck segment.

Though J. D. Power released only the scores of the tire makers who rated above average, it listed those that ranked below industry average.

In the car and minivan category, they were, in alphabetical order: Bridgestone; Firestone; General; Goodyear; Pirelli, Toyo; Uniroyal; and Yokohama.

In the truck category, they were, in alphabetical order: General, Goodyear, Uniroyal and Yokohama.

Proper tire pressure is a must for safe driving

Owners Auto Know

By Don Chaikin

It's almost impossible to open a newspaper or look at the news these days and not be aware of tire problems. With such potentially dire consequences of tire failures at the forefront of many people's thoughts, this seems like a good time to check yours.

Each time you get ready to drive, take the scenic route to the driver's door. Walk all around the vehicle and stop to look at each of the tires. You'll spot anything major amiss.

To properly inflate tires, you'll need an accurate tire-pressure gauge. A quality one costs anywhere between $5 and $20. Use that gauge about once a month and at each drastic turn in temperature.

Check pressures only after the vehicle's been sitting for at least a couple of hours. Driving the car warms the tires, causing their pressure to increase, so all manufacturers (both tire and vehicle) give their inflation pressure recommendations for so-called cold tires. Check your owner's manual to find the recommended inflation pressure. There's a good chance the manual will refer you to a label pasted to a door post or glove box door.

Actually checking the inflation pressure is quite simple. Remove the cap on the inflation valve that protrudes through the wheel near the tire. Then squarely and firmly press the gauge onto the valve stem. If your car has wheel covers, there may also be special tire valve extenders which don't have a dust cover, but a white center. These extenders don't have to be removed for these tasks. If you hold the gauge properly on the valve, you won't hear the hiss of leaking air.

If the pressure is high, release some by pushing down on the pin in the middle of the valve. You'll hear, feel and smell the air escaping. Recheck the pressure. If the pressure is low, you'll need to raise it.

Adding air is most easily done with an air compressor. Chances are you don't have one, which means you'll have to drive to the nearest filling station. Even this short trip may raise the tire's temperature and therefore its pressure. So note the tire's pressure before you set out and then check it again at the station before adding air. Simply adjust for the change. In other words, if the tire gained two pounds of inflation pressure during the drive, inflate it to two pounds above the recommended pressure. However, never inflate a tire to a pressure higher than the maximum embossed on the tire's sidewall. A severely overinflated tire can fail as well as an underinflated one.

When you're done, replace the caps on all the valves. If any are missing, buy new ones. And don't forget to check the pressure in your spare tire. You also have to check the tread, the part of the tire that actually rolls along the road.

In addition to inflation pressure, check the tires for any damage and their level of wear. That means you have to look at both sides of the tire, called the sidewalls. Check the sidewalls for bulges, cracks or splits.

Use a flashlight if you need to get a good look at the inner sidewalls. Look for missing pieces between the actual treads, as well as any nails, glass or other items that could puncture the tread.

Damage to the sidewall usually means a new tire.

Punctures can usually be repaired by a competent pro.

Finally, check the tread to see how much rubber is actually left on the tire and look for signs of uneven wear, which would indicated suspension or alignment problems. Insert a penny, the top of Lincoln's head first, into the tread grooves.

If you can see the top of Mr. Lincoln's head, the tire is ready to be replaced. Repeat this check in several places around the tire's circumference.

Many tires actually have built-in wear indicators which show up as bands around the tire when the tread has worn to a designated depth.

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Seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt and his son — two-time NASCAR Busch Grand National champion Dale Earnhardt, Jr. — will team with Corvette driver Andy Pilgrim in the number 3 Corvette C5-R.

The race car has an LS1 pushrod V-8 engine that generates 620 horsepower at 6,400 rpm.

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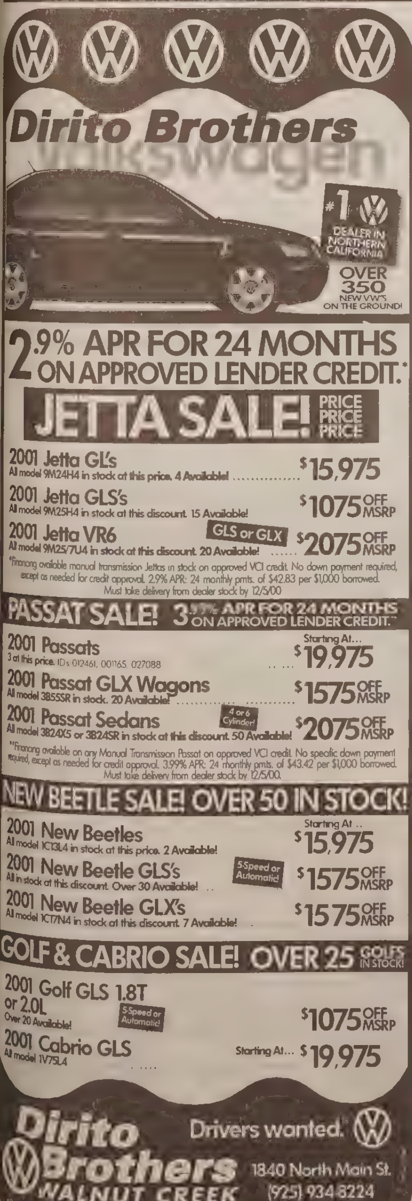
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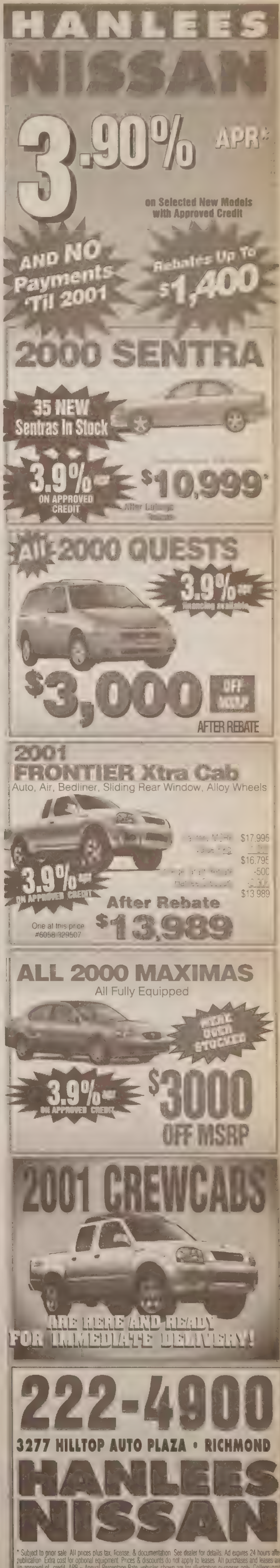
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Gas or diesel? It's a tough tow-rig selection

By Tim Johnston

RV fans shopping for a replacement tow vehicle for their travel or fifth-wheel trailer have a lot of choices to make.

One of the more difficult decisions involves the engine. Should they buy a tow rig with a gas engine or diesel engine? It's not always an easy question to answer.

Years ago, the choice was considerably easier.

In those days gasoline engines suitable for trailer towing duty were less fuel efficient, and they were sometimes prone to vapor lock or other functional problems related to heavy-duty use.

The early model diesel engines from Dodge, Ford and GM were relatively simple machines, largely unfettered by severe emission controls, that delivered terrific fuel economy and ultra-long-term, reliable operation. In addition, diesel fuel was inexpensive compared to gasoline.

The biggest drawback of the era was diesel availability, in that fewer stations sold diesel, which made refueling a nervous operation at times.

Fuel availability is no longer a big issue since probably 60-75 percent of service stations sell diesel.

Apart from that factor, buying a diesel-powered rig today calls for more research.

One factor hasn't changed. Today's engines — including the Cummins I-6 in Dodge trucks, International PowerStroke V-8 in Fords and Duramax V-8 in GM trucks — are all powerful, reliable, and stump-pulling-strong performers.

That factor is a "given" in the equation. Other considerations aren't so easy.

First of all, today's gas engines have made great strides in power, performance and durability. Electronic fuel injection has eliminated many of the earlier performance issues.

Some powerplants, such as the new GM 8.1-liter Vortec big-block V-8, are rated for almost 100,000-miles of operation before the first tune-up is even necessary, and doubling that figure in service life would be well within the realm of possibility.

Until recently, 200,000-miles of operation before a tear-down would be strictly a diesel characteristic.

The most significant reason buyers choose a diesel is because of its potential long-term fuel savings, as compared to a comparably-rated gas engine.

In theory, a diesel delivers better fuel economy and more miles per gallon than a comparably rated gas engine, which results in cost savings that can cover the upfront cost of the diesel engine option and eventually result in lower-cost operation.

In truth, the number of miles an owner must drive to achieve any significant savings, or just break even, can be astronomical today.

Today's gasoline engines are more fuel efficient than in the past, largely because of better fuel management and improved design.

Due to the extremely strict demands for lower exhaust emissions, today's diesels deliver, for the most part, less fuel efficiency than past models.

As such, differences in fuel economy between the two engine types has narrowed, resulting in more travel miles to reach that break-even point on fuel economy.

In addition, diesel fuel is far more costly than in the past.

Earlier, diesel was almost always cheaper than gasoline, and that's still true in some places, such as largely agricultural or commercial districts.

For the most part, diesel ranges from a nickel or so up to 30-cents more than regular-grade gasoline, and that cost variance creates even longer break-even periods.

Truck stops usually sell diesel cheaper than gasoline, but users must often deal with high-flow pumps that can make filling difficult and the typical truck-stop diesel spills on the ground can easily be tracked inside the vehicle to produce unpleasant smells.

Maintenance cost is also an issue. A diesel engine, by its nature, requires more frequent oil changes, and a diesel can have up to a 12-quart oil capacity.

The diesel oil filter is usually somewhat more costly than a gas engine oil filter, so this ongoing expense is also part of the equation that can't be overlooked.

All of that said, some people simply want a diesel because that's what they want to drive.

They enjoy the sound and feel of a diesel in operation, and simple user desire is something you can't put a price on. For those people, today's diesels are fun, effective engines to drive.

Gut-wrenching performance is accepted and expected today, and today's diesels deliver.

The all-new GM Duramax V-8 diesel, for example, feels more like a big-block gas engine of yesterday when the driver stabs the throttle and the truck leaps ahead with vigor and enthusiasm.

Cost-related issues remain a question, but buyers can rest easy that a diesel is a great choice as an RV tow rig powerplant, if all the numbers add up.

Do your homework before hitting the dealers' lots and the best long-term decision can be made.



MOTOR MART

GAS OR DIESEL? With today's availability of both types of fuel, and prices high for both, the question is not such a simple one to answer. It is important to research before buying your next towing vehicle.

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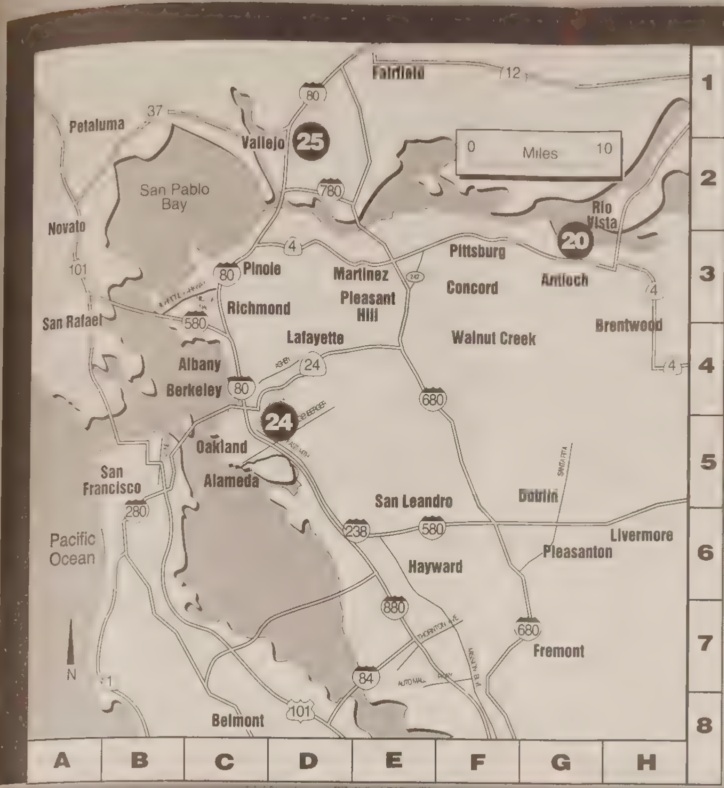
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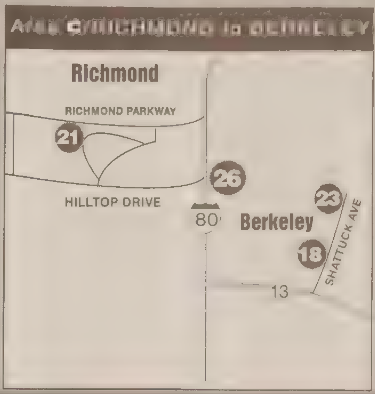
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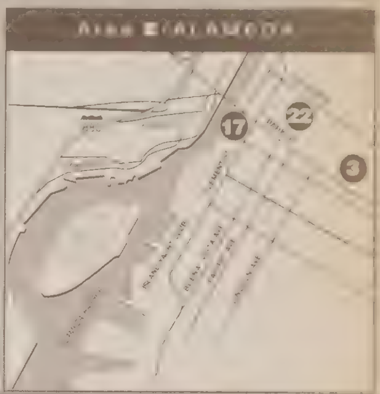
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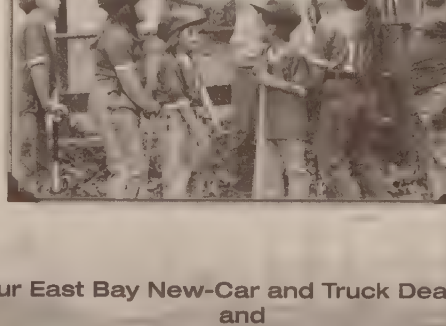
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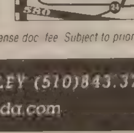
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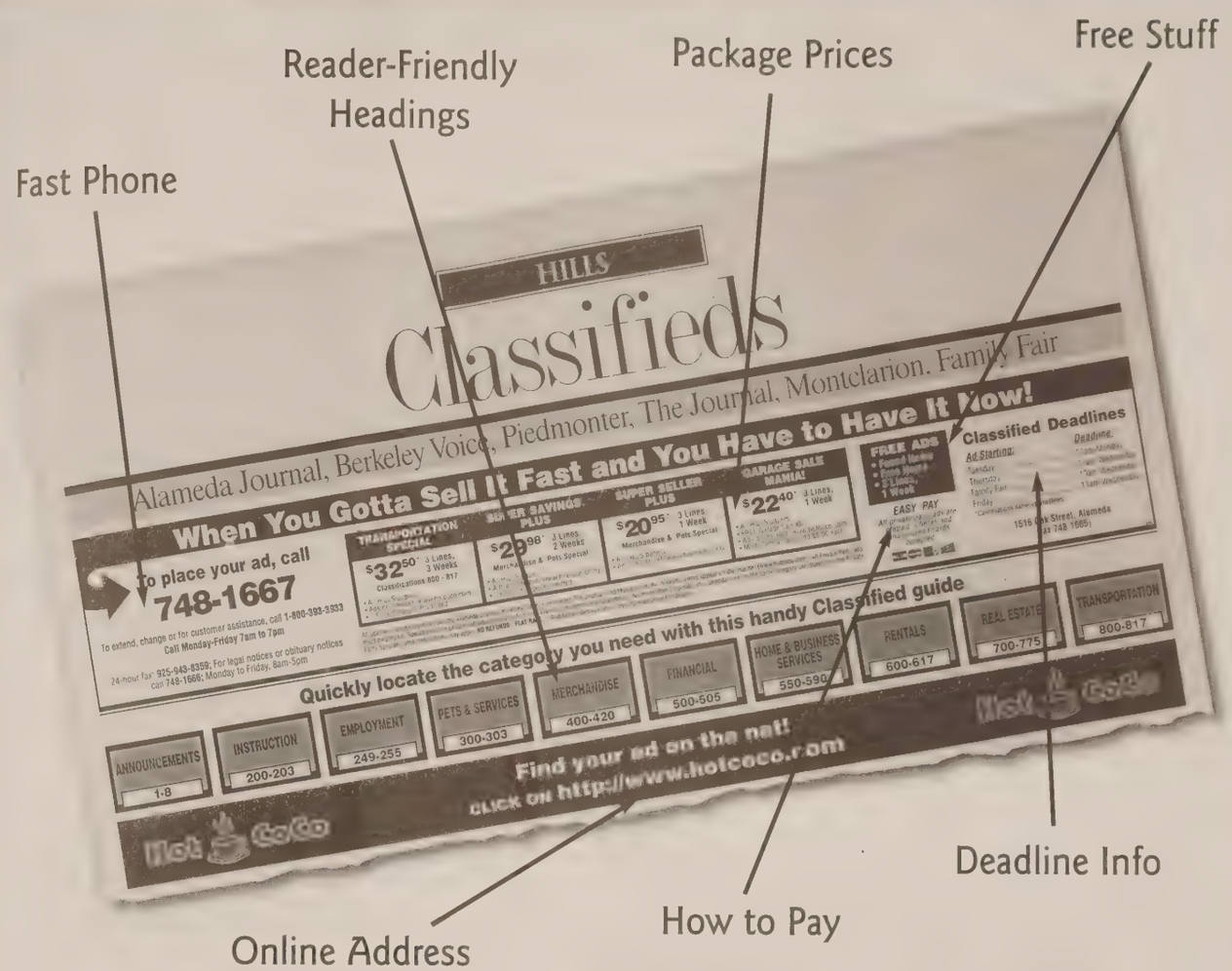
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CASHIER

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CATERING, P/T, prep, serving, etc. Great for Holidays. Flex. hrs. $11/hr to start Will train. 510-521-4619

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F/T, Mon-Fri., $2,701/mo., 12 mo/yr., District Office in Pleasanton. Closing date. Open Until Filled. AA/EOE. Call Chabot-Las Positas Community College District for an official application form (925) 485-5200 or e-mail: hr@clpccd.cc.ca.us

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Office of Personnel
EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

This information sheet includes positions for which the City of Oakland is currently accepting applications. The closing date is the final date for which the City will accept applications. To check for job openings and closing dates, please call the 24-hour Job Hotline at (510) 238-3111. TDD is (510) 238-6930. The Job Hotline is updated every Monday morning. If you would like a copy of a job announcement and application, you may visit our website at www.oaklandnet.com, or visit the Employment Information Office at 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Oakland, California 94612-2019.

Current Openings Week of November 6, 2000

JOB CLASSIFICATION	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
Public Works Operations Manager	$75,070-$92,166 per year	Closes Friday November 17, 2000
Capital Improvement Project Coordinator	$5960-$7317 per month Tentative 4% salary increase pending City Council approval	Closes Friday December 1, 2000
Paralegal	$3841-$4716 per month	Closes Friday December 1, 2000
Senior Human Resource Analyst	$4669-$5733 per month	Closes Friday December 15, 2000
Budget & Operations Analyst III	$5148-$6321 per month	Closing Date Extended Open Until Further Notice
Electrical Services Manager	$92,169-$113,156 per year	Open Until Filled
Marketing & Fundraising Manager	$5047-$6196 per month	Open Until Filled
Police Officer Trainee	$3986/month Upon Graduation from Academy: $53,172 per year	See job announcement for application process & Testing date information Testing: 1/20/01-1/27/01
PROMOTIONAL RECRUITMENTS (Restricted to current City/Port employees within specified departments or classifications only)		
Lieutenant of Police	$7453/month PERS $7812/month P&F	Closes Monday November 20, 2000
RESTRICTED RECRUITMENTS (Restricted to current City/Port employees meeting MQ's)		
Library Aide (PPT)	$11.50-$14.14 per hour	Closes Friday November 10, 2000

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CLERK
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CONSTRUCTION
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CONSTRUCTION-PROJECT MGR. For mechanical const firm. Must be able to work well under pressure & be highly organized Salary DOE. Bnfts. + 401K plan Fax resume (510) 233-4805

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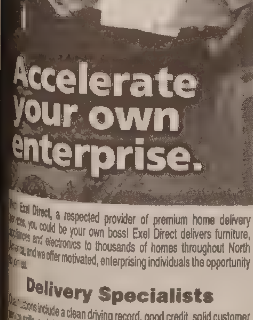
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The successful candidate will be a highly motivated self-starter who possesses a results oriented background, a proven sales ability, as well as strong project management and management experience required. In this position, you will successfully develop and execute revenue growth strategies while providing leadership and motivation to the sales management team. Will negotiate contracts. Strong analytical and finance skills necessary. Professional and polished presentation skills. Successful candidate will have existing contacts with national and California based major retailers.

As a member of the Knight Ridder family, CCN benefits from the resources of this prestigious national communication company. Knight Ridder offers an excellent compensation package, comprehensive benefits, training programs and affiliation with its 34 other dailies.

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MANAGEMENT
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MANAGEMENT
Please see our ad under Banking for a Project Manager. Bank of the West

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250 Help Wanted

MANAGEMENT

CIRCULATION SALES OPERATION MANAGER
The Contra Costa Newspapers has an excellent opportunity for a high-energy individual to supervise the day-to-day operations of all home delivery sales teams in circulation. You will develop the annual sales and acqustions plan, manage and track all pressure circulation sales This will include contract door to door sales, contract telemarketing and employee telemarketing operations Responsibilities include achieving budgeted home delivery circulation sales, revenue goals and benchmarks

Strong direct sales background including a proven record of success in outside sales or in telemarketing is required, 5 years experience in Circulation preferred and prior budgeting responsibilites. Must be able to develop sales presentations and training programs. Computer skills in MSWord and Excel needed

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E-mail:
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MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR
For Perinatal Outpatient Program in East Contra Costa County. Responsible for the overall implementation of the program's objectives. Master's Degree preferred. Must be experienced in substance Abuse, ability to work with diverse clients and staff. Clinical and Administrative skills a must. CDL, CPR & 1st. Aide FTE, bnfts $30 to $40K DOE FAX resume to 510-236-3200 EOE

MANAGEMENT

RETAIL SALES MANAGER
Contra Costa Newspapers has an outstanding opportunity for a Retail Sales Manager in our Walnut Creek office. Duties include overseeing Retail Advertising staff, assisting in account revenue development, training, responsible for achieving department revenue and expense budget goals. Excellent leadership and communication skills are necessary. Knowledge of budgeting and goal setting is important. The right candidate will have a proven track record in sales and/or sales management 3-5 years management experience required.

Please send resume and salary history and requirements to Human Resources, Attn: COMP-LDD, 2640 Shadelands Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 or fax to 925 977-8444
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MANAGEMENT TRAINEE
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If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to: Doctors Medical Center, Attn.: B. Sargent, 2000 Vale Rd., San Pablo, CA 94806. Fax: (510) 970-5741. E-mail betty.sargent@tenethealth.com. Visit us at our website at www.teamtenet.com. EOE

Doctors Medical Center
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MARKETING DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE: Prepare grant proposals, manage direct mail campaigns and special events fund raising for non profit agency. Fund raising and grant writing experience desired. Send resumes w/cover letter and salary requirements to: Child Care Council, 1035 Detroit Ave., Suite 200, Concord. CA 94518, Attn: C. Flanagan. EOE

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$3,173-$3,858/mo
Reqs education equivalent to a college or university degree in journalism, English, communications or public relations &/or a minimum of 2 yrs work exp. in public relations or related field. Desktop publishing Prof w/Mac, Word, PageMaker, digital cameras Web page design &/or maintenance preferred
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MARKETING

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MARKETING & Sales Assistant Athletic Club
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MEDICAL ASSISTANT, Busy OB/GYN office needs F/T, Mon - Fri back office Assist Exp only W.C Fax resume 925-945-7842

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MEDICAL ASST. Castro Valley, F/T, excel bfnts & sal Must be detail-oriented, energetic & willing to be trained in technical field Fax resume to: M. Body 510-581-2161

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Perform diagnostic nuclear medicine imaging procedures, in-vivo and in-vitro lab studies involving the administration of radioactive tracers for diagnostic purposes and therapeutic administration of radiopharmaceuticals Requires graduation from an AMA-accredited Nuclear Medicine Technology program An AS degree in physics, chemistry, biology or math preferred

OR TECH
(P/T & O/C)
Carry out the function of scrub technician during the perioperative role and assist with circulating duties. Requires completion of CRT training, CPR certification and 6+ months of recent exp in a full-service OR

PATIENT REGISTRATION
Greet, interview and register incoming patients to the hospital Requires HS diploma or equiv and exp in a customer-related field

PATIENT ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE
(All shifts/hours)
Review all accounts for accurate billing information, required documentation and charges. Requires HS diploma or equiv and 2+ yrs. exp in medical insurance billing/collection

DIETARY AIDE
(P/T & O/C)
Prepare and store food, serve meals and snacks. clean and store dishes, and provide general department sanitation Requires HS diploma or equiv and food service exp

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
(F/T)
Provide administrative and secretarial support. Requires HS diploma or equiv., 2+ yrs exp. as an administrative secretary, preferably in a hospital setting; knowledge of procedures and administrative support services in a business setting; word processor typing skills at 60 wpm, and computer skills in MS Office with an emphasis on Word and PowerPoint. Knowledge of medical terminology and desktop publishing preferred

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Fax 925-687-0767
MEDICAL STAFFING

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MEDICAL Records person needed for growing ophthalmology practice in East Bay. Great bnfts. & sal. Fax 925-933-9547 Attn: Diana

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MEDICAL

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MEDICAL

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is a 123-bed acute care medical surgical community hospital that offers a wide range of comprehensive medical services. The Radiology Department at SRRMC currently is seeking qualified candidates to join our expanding department The position listed below are all benefits eligible

Ultrasound Technologist Sign-On Bonus
Part-Time Days

2-3 yrs experience, RDMS in abdomen and O B. required, as well as experience in performing vascular ultrasound CRT Certificate pref

Radiology Technologists Sign-On Bonus
F/T & P/T

Positions are available for a variety of shifts including Evening, Weekend/Noc We are seeking experienced technologists with CRT, AART, and CRT fluoroscopy permit Mammography certificate required for female technologist

Unit Secretary
F/T Variable Shifts

Qualified candidate will perform general secretarial duties on designated nursing units under the direction of the Nursing Director. Duties include patient scheduling, answering phones, and other clerical duties as needed

File Room Clerk
Full-Time

Seeking a file Room Clerk to manage and organize patient files Must have prior administrative/clerical experience in a hospital setting

For consideration please submit your resume to **San Ramon Regional Medical Center,** Attn: HR 6001 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon, CA 94583 Fax 925/327-0349 or email to jobs@sanramonmedctr.com
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San Ramon Regional Medical Center
Tenet California HealthSystem

Medical Social Worker
Per diem for San Pablo Richmond areas

Occupational Therapist
Per diem for Oakland/San Leandro area
Professional Healthcare At Home
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Medical Technologist
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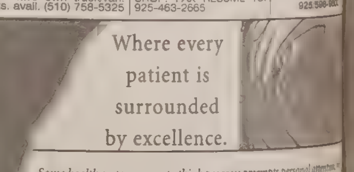
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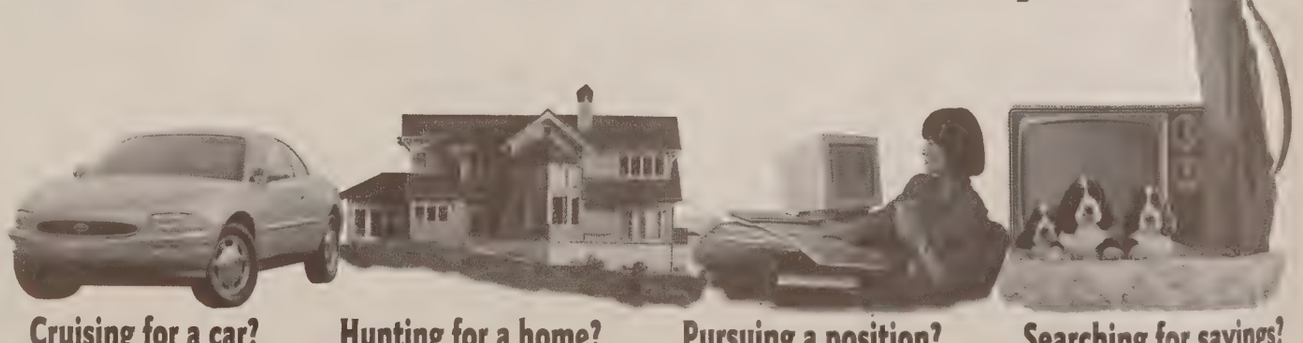
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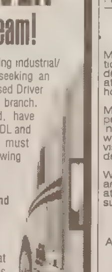
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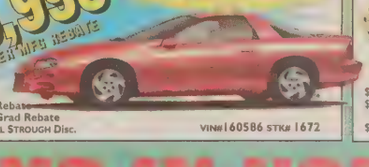


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Mercedes gives SLK320 roadster a facelift inside and out

By Tom Hagin
PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

The Mercedes-Benz SLK two-seater roadster is the company's least practical but most "fun" car.

It's designed to carry a driver and passenger with enough room left for weekend luggage and golf bags.

The car was formerly offered with only a four-cylinder engine but for 2001, a V-6 model has been added. We drove this V-6 version.

Outside: The 2001 version of the SLK has been freshened somewhat. New headlights and tail lamps, body-color door handles and fog lights give the car a fresher, cleaner appearance. Also, turn signal repeaters have been integrated into the outside mirrors.

The fully retractable hardtop remains a one-button system, transforming the car from a coupe to a roadster in 25 seconds. The short, stubby trunk holds 9.5 cubic feet of cargo with the top up, but when the top is down, only a third of that space is left.

Restyled five-spoke alloy wheels are now standard on the SLK320, while our test car, equipped with an optional Sport Package, was fitted with aerodynamic body enhancements, projector-beam fog lamps and special "Monoblock" alloy wheels with 17-inch performance tires.



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ROAD TEST

Inside: The snug interior received a facelift, too. The leather-covered front bucket seats have been redesigned and are now power-operated six ways as standard equipment.

Also, the faux carbon-fiber trim on the dash has been replaced with real wood, and the steering wheel is now slightly smaller in diameter with narrower spokes. There are new knobs and switches, metal-plate door sills and chrome-trimmed analog gauges.

Fortunately, storage bins are abundant since there isn't much room behind the seats. The integral roll hoops just behind the headrests are there for rollover protection.

Other standard equipment includes power windows, door locks and outside mirrors, remote keyless entry, heated mirrors and headlight washers, dual zone climate control and a powerful AM/FM/CD/cassette stereo.

On the road: While the 190 horsepower, 2.3-liter, four-cylinder supercharged engine is still available in the standard SLK230, the new SLK320 version comes equipped with a 3.2 liter V-6 that produces 215 horsepower and 229 pound-feet of torque.

This is what the car needed to push it into the high-performance category.

The exhaust produces a beautiful rap, especially noticeable with the top down. While the SLK320 isn't spectacular from a standing start, its overall performance factor is dramatically improved.

Spinning the V-6 engine up to high rpms and rowing the standard six-speed manual through the gears produces a more satisfying rush than the smaller four-cylinder car.

The standard transmission is a six-speed manual transmission, but also available is a computer-adaptable five-speed automatic with TouchShift sequential shifting. This system allows the automatic to be shifted somewhat like a manual but can also be operated as a full automatic for around-town convenience.

Behind the wheel: The SLK rides on a unibody platform that is firm and stiff enough to virtually eliminate twist and bending, even with the top down.

The suspension consists of double A-arms up front and an independent rear multi-link setup that now features retuned shocks, stiffer springs, a rear torsion bar stabilizer and a one-inch lower ride height.

The SLK320 handles quite well, rewarding its driver with intense grip in corners and very little body roll. A recirculating ball steering system was used, which is quick and precise despite its razor-quick off-center feel that takes some familiarization.

Braking is handled by four-wheel discs with an anti-lock braking system (ABS), while an electronic traction control system works with the ABS and engine management system to reduce wheelspin on slippery surfaces.

Brake Assist is a Mercedes system designed to automatically maximize braking force in emergency situations, overcoming driver input.

Safety: Dual dashboard and side-impact airbags, ABS, traction control, Baby Smart child seat recognition system and side-impact door beams are standard.

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By Matt/Bob Hagin
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Bob: Since it first came on line with its cab-forward LH sedans in the early '90s, Chrysler has continually blown away the competition with vehicles that are attention-grabbers. The Viper is certainly one of those, and so is the Prowler retro street-rod. Now it's come up with a new showpiece in its PT Cruiser.

The machine is so reminiscent of the hot-rod beach wagons of the '60s that it should come factory-equipped with a pair of surfboards lashed to its factory-installed roof rack. It has to make every baby boomer think back to the "Gidget" surfer movies they saw as pre-teens.

Unfortunately, the PT Cruiser lacks a V-8 engine up front that drives the rear wheels like its single-purpose precursors.

Matt: It's a good thing, too. Those old homemades were rough-riding, tricky to drive and unreliable. Buyers of the PT Cruiser want to look as cool as a surfer-dude in a '32 Ford Woodie, without all the automotive inconveniences that went along with ownership.

The Cruiser is officially listed as a car by the federal government, although it comes within a whisker of being a minivan or a small SUV. Either category would have made it a truck.

As it is, it could almost be classified as a station wagon since its rear doors swing out rather than slide. It has that archetypal low front/high tail Los Angeles look with a minimum of overhang front and rear.

The low, wide checkerboard grill hangs down below its mid-mounted front bumper and its front, swept-back fenders and headlights look like a grimace that boarders on a snarl.

The big hatchback opens up wide, and, with the back seats moved around in one of the plethora of combinations that are available, there's room for mountain bikes, skis, luge boards and other "extreme" sports paraphernalia. That's the kind of "active lifestyle" buyers that Chrysler is targeting for the PT Cruiser.

Bob: I hope that those buyers are ready for relatively mediocre performance because the car is definitely no ball of fire. Its 150 horses would be OK on something that weighed around 2,500 pounds, but the Cruiser has to pull 600 pounds more than that.

The news through the grapevine is that a turbocharged version is in the works and may be close to production, which would no doubt add the additional grunt needed to make it live up to its image. Our test rig was handicapped with a four-speed automatic transmission and I've been told that the version that carries a five-speed stick shift performs somewhat better.

Matt: But the Cruiser doesn't come up short in the handling department, Dad. The front end is strictly Dodge Neon, with MacPherson struts and a sway bar but Chrysler avoided the Neon rear strut suspension in favor of a beam axle and a five-link control system.

The reason for this is that struts would have to stick up into the cargo compartment too much and get in the way of storage

The interior of the PT Cruiser has been really well thought out and almost every cubic inch is used. Besides the rear seats being foldable, the front passenger's seat can be flattened so that items up to eight feet long can be carried with the hatchback closed.

Everybody inside sits bolt upright but in not an uncomfortable position. Our unit came with a $4,500 Customer Preferred Package which replaces the standard 15-inch steel wheels with 16-inch alloy units shod with P205/55R16 touring tires

Judging from the popularity of the PT Cruiser and how quickly they're snapped up, I doubt many stripped versions will be made — at least for sale here. According to the Chrysler Public Relations kit, the company plans to market the PT Cruiser in 40 countries.

Bob: I can understand that, Matt. I've been told that American movies are really popular around the world and some of those old surfer flicks are still being shown in emerging countries

What better subliminal method could Chrysler use to promote the PT Cruiser than to have movie buffs around the world see Annette Funicello jump into an original in every other scene?

GENERATION GAP ROAD TEST

"The Chrysler PT Cruiser is the hottest niche vehicle to come along in a long time," says Matt Hagin. Bob Hagin says it reminds him of the "surfer wagons" of his youth.



CHRYSLER'S PT Cruiser keeps its retro look for 2001

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Reviving Maserati mystique

PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

I've been told by many owners that once you own an exotic Italian car, everything else seems dull. The closest thing to an Italian Exotic I've owned was a couple of uninspired Fiats that were as exotic as a bag of overcooked spaghetti and just about as brittle.

But some enthusiasts are devoted to the fancy Italianates and unless their everyday "driver" is a Lamborghini, a Ferrari or De Tomaso, it might as well be a '69 VW Microbus.

But the one classy Italian car that has gone out of the average autophile's vocabulary as well as mind-set is Maserati, and more's the pity. At one time it was right up there with the best of them and was a not-uncommon sight in Beverly Hills and The Hamptons.

The reason I bring this up is that in a recent press release we received, Ferrari (the current controller of Maserati) announced that it is planning a return of the Italian marque to this country and expects it to have it well established by 2007.

This in spite of the fact that none of the imports that fled these shores (Peugeot, Renault, Fiat, MG, Austin, etc.) have ever successfully returned.

Maserati's last stab at the U.S. market was in the '80s when it tried to merchandise its large Quattroporto four-placed sedan and its smaller Biturbo family car. Both were unsuccessful due to the fact that buyers of expensive Italian cars wanted swoopy sports cars that would turn heads in traffic, not upscale transporters for family errands.

Maserati isn't a newcomer to the automobile world having been organized in 1914 in Bologna by four of the seven Maserati brothers, mainly to develop engines for the emerging Italian auto industry. They designed and built engines for companies such as Isotta Fraschini, a custom luxury car of the '20s.

The brothers built the first true Maserati in 1926, a small 91 cubic-inch displacement sports car that put out 130 horses, an astronomical figure for the time.

The Maserati name rose to prominence in auto racing in the '30s as part of the national effort to prove Italian invincibility. In 1939 and 1940, a second-level Maserati 8CTF was used by the then-great Wilbur Shaw to win our own Indy 500.

At the end of World War II, Maserati reentered racing and won the Grand Prix World Championship in 1957 with the legendary Juan Manual Fangio at the wheel.

Maserati wasn't able to compete in Grand Prix racing in the '50s so it went onto professional sports car racing with a vengeance, often hiring Grand Prix drivers for various events. The "Birdcage" Tipo 60 and 61 were the cars to beat in the late '50s.

Late in 1957, Maserati management decided that its future lay in the production of high-performance but comfortable coupes. Their sales were aimed at wealthy sportsmen who wanted speed on the road but not the spartan ride and harshness usually associated with fast sports cars of the day.

Its products ushered in a new genre of sporting vehicle, the Grand Touring or GT car, a concept that is still a very viable and desirable niche on the world market.



BOB HAGIN

Over the years, Maserati changed hands several times. The Maserati brothers sold out in 1939 to the Orsi family who retained ownership and the Maserati name until 1968.

At that time, the financially-strapped Orsis sold the company to Citroen of France which was mainly interested in the technical know-how of its newly acquired subsidiary.

The new management initiated a string of mid-engined exotic road cars that were easily a match for the best road cars that Ferrari produced.

The erratic Alejandro De Tomaso took control of Maserati in the early '70s when sales of expensive and low-fuel-mileage European cars nosedived due to the worldwide oil crisis. De Tomaso carried on until 1993 when Maserati was taken over by Fiat, a company controlled by the Italian government.

Incidentally, Fiat also controls the destiny of Ferrari which in turn recently bought up controlling interest in the remaining stock of the Maserati company.

Ferrari North America is hoping that its own name will be magnetic enough to draw in buyers for its 3200 GT Maserati coupe. Ferrari believes that if its plan works, it will be able to market 4,000 of these cars in this country by 2007.

But that's a long time in the future and history has not been kind to off-beat exotics returning to these shores. Buyers from the old days have passed on or passed away and younger buyers of these types of car require a contemporary history to be enticed into the salesroom.

You only have to ask those marketeers who are currently trying to resurrect Alfa Romeo, another Italian quasi-supercar, how difficult it can be.

AUTO BRIEFS

Goodguys' 11th Autumn Get-Together has something for every auto enthusiast

GOODGUYS ROD & CUSTOM ASSOCIATION

PLEASANTON — Three times a year, the Alamo based Goodguys Rod & Custom Association holds what is called a "Get-Together" for Bay-Area automotive enthusiasts, owners, purists, and even some dreamers. This year's autumn event takes place this weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

The key element to these huge events? Variety. Imagine acres filled to the brink with virtually every type of high performance and collectible vehicle known to man sprawled throughout the fairgrounds. Once inside the massive buildings at the fairgrounds, you find gorgeous and shiny automobiles, hot rods and otherwise — all buffed and chromed beyond belief — making the indoor portion of the show a visual sensation.

Then there's the swap meet. An expansive, two-square-mile sheet of asphalt literally covered up with automotive-related gems, elusive and rare car parts and even some collectible automotive antiques. If you're still not convinced that this event has everything for the car-crazy person, then take a stroll through the car corral.

The car corral is just what it sounds like. Hundreds of cars all corralled in one giant grassy lot. What are they doing in the corral? They're all for sale. Old ones, newer ones, racy ones, slow ones. Some don't even run.

The Goodguys' 11th Autumn Get-Together is scheduled Saturday and Sunday at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

The Goodguys sponsor four events there annually, topped by the biggie — the West Coast Rod & Custom Nationals, which attracts more than 3,500 pre-1955 cars and 75,000 spectators from all over the United States. Each Goodguys' event has its own flare, its own identity and Goodguys has rapidly become the nation's automotive event authority.

The Get-Together concept was what gave Goodguys' President and Founder Gary Meadors his start in the business of promoting automotive events. "I've always been a car lover," he says.

"I love all cars. That's the whole concept behind a Goodguys Get-Together — getting car enthusiasts together to share the love of automobiles, show their cars, sell cars, swap stuff, and tell car stories."

All years, makes, models and styles of American-powered cars and trucks are welcomed at the Autumn Get-Together, which Meadors states brings the entire car fraternity together.

"Most guys my age (60-plus) like Model A Fords and '32 Fords. Then other guys like the '57 Chevys and '50s-style Mercurys," he says. "Most of the kids like the Camaros, Mustangs, and the hot new thing for the younger set are the trucks.

"This event features all of those and much more, making it the perfect venue for automotive enthusiasts."

The action will start early on Saturday as the swap meet opens to buyers and browsers at sun-up. Inside the fairgrounds will be the show portion of the event which will include both indoor and outdoor car shows, live entertainment, manufacturer/supplier exhibits, and a car modelers contest.

Event hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first day and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the second day. General admission is $10, seniors 60 and older, $8 and kids ages 7-12, $6. For additional information, call Goodguys at 925-833-9876.

Display in the Towe Museum spotlights Cruise Night winners

TOWE AUTO MUSEUM

SACRAMENTO — The Roamin' Angels Car Club from Grass Valley is featured in the Car Club Cavalcade at the Towe Auto Museum for the month of November with six "Dream of Cool" era Cruise Night winners. One look will tell you why they are all winners.

Tom Compton's 1932 Ford shows the efforts of some of the best in the hot rodding and customizing business. The 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe owned by Ed Johnson won First of Class at the Oakland Roadster Show.

Two sleek and sexy Thunderbirds are displayed. One is owned by Rita Burns, a 1957 classic in Dust Rose with pin striping. It has been in her family since day one of its life. The other is owned by Ray Yedding. This 1965 Ford Thunderbird is fully restored and just slightly customized.

The 1964-1/2 Ford Mustang, owned by Don Stephenson, has been fully restored to its original "show room" condition.

The 1950 Oldsmobile Two-Door Sedan (a Rocket 88), received the full customized treatment, including Mercedes molded-in headlights. This model won 10 of the 19 NASCAR races held in 1950, a sure winner.

There are 150 other vehicles also, waiting for you to enjoy in their "Dream" exhibits at the Towe Auto Museum, located just north of Broadway at 2200 Front St., Sacramento.

The Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., daily. This month's Car Club Cavalcade display is included with the $6 adult admission.

For more information, call 916-442-6802.

MG sports cars and sports sedans returning

KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE BUSINESS NEWS

The new management of Great Britain's dismembered Rover Group has revealed plans for the company's future — and one of the most loved names in auto history will play a big part in the company's planned revival.

In a recent interview with The Times of London, Rover boss Kevin Howe said there will be several new MG sports cars and sports sedans in the coming years.

He expects MG to account for up to 25 percent of Rover's total sales.

"The shackles are now off for what we can do in sports cars," he said, referring to BMW's sale of Rover in May to private investors. Rover, which used to sell MG, Triumph, Austin-Healey and several other brands of vehicles, now has just MG and Rover in its stable.

BMW retained the rights to Triumph, Riley and others, while Ford bought Land Rover.

The first new MGs are due out next year, Howe said.

NEW PRODUCTS: For those who feel the need to have their watch match their car, a Missouri company offers two new baubles: Shelby Cobra and Shelby Series I watches "engraved with the signature of the legendary Carroll Shelby."

The watches, available from MPH Group of St. Louis at its Web site, mphgroup.com, are a tad pricey at $2,495 — but, hey, you get to have the serial number of your Cobra or Series I engraved on the back. And that's handy because . . . well, they didn't say.

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Toyota makes air conditioning an option on all Corollas for 2001

By Ann M. Job
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Slowly, and in some cases, subtly, small cars are getting better, and if you don't believe, take a ride in the 2001 Toyota Corolla.

A stalwart, 32-year member of Toyota's U.S. lineup, the Corolla boasts pleasant styling, a no-nonsense personality and economical operating costs.

Last year, Toyota gave the Corolla's four-cylinder engine a needed boost with new, variable valve technology that improved horsepower and all-around performance.

For 2001, fuel economy gets the once-over in this compact sedan and is increased to as much as 41 mpg on the highway — a noteworthy number amid today's high gasoline prices.

The new Corolla also gets multi-reflector, halogen headlamps and a touch of chrome around the grille for a dressier look.

Inside, new seat fabrics are more welcoming, and for the first time, Corolla trunks include a safety release mechanism so anyone locked inside can free himself.

Also in 2001, Toyota re-arranges the Corolla lineup, eliminating the entry-level VE and making the CE the new beginner Corolla. This allowed the automaker to add an S model — for sport — in the middle of the trim group. The LE — luxury edition — remains as the top Corolla.

Don Esmond, group vice president and general manager of the Toyota Division for Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc., sums up by saying this year's Corolla reaches "a new level of refinement."

That's true — as long as you don't consider air conditioning necessary for a refined ride. Toyota included air conditioning as a standard feature on the Corolla LE last year. In the 2001 model year, air conditioning becomes optional on all Corollas.



COROLLA has been a stalwart of Toyota's American sales for 32 years. In 2001, it is better both inside and out.

In contrast, Honda includes standard air conditioning on two of its three 2001 Civic sedan models. Likewise, Honda includes an antilock brake system as standard on its top Civic sedan, but ABS is an option on every Corolla model.

I tested the new Corolla S, with integrated fog lamps, sport wheel covers, body-color rocker panels and rear mud guards. Until I checked the fine print, I didn't notice the easy-to-grip steering wheel had faux leather wrap. Its red stitching matched the eye-catching instrument gauges.

Too bad all the red didn't match the radio, clock and temperature controls, which remain light green.

Color clash aside, the Corolla S won't rile riders.

You do sit "down" into the front bucket seats, low compared with the higher seat positions in Toyota's other small sedan, the Echo, and the competing Ford Focus. Still, I could see the hood of the Corolla easily, and there was decent headroom, even with optional moonroof.

The Corolla's 39.3 inches of front headroom, without moonroof, equals that of the Ford Focus sedan and is a half-inch shy of the 39.8 inches in the 2001 Civic without moonroof.

Front legroom of 42.5 inches is just over the 42.2 inches of the Civic sedan but less than the 43.1 inches in the Focus sedan.

The story changes, however, in the back seat. The Corolla's legroom, 33.2 inches, is tighter than that of both competitors by at least 2.8 inches.

I did appreciate that the Corolla's back doors open wide, though, and I was pleased that all five positions get three-point safety belts. The belts in the front seat are height adjustable.

Note, however, that the rear seatback doesn't fold down, and only outboard riders get head restraints

The Corolla trunk remains a bic feet, while the Focus and (12.9 cubic feet in their trunks

All Corollas — even the S sed have the same 1.8-liter, twin-cam for der with the same 125 horsepower 125 foot-pounds of torque.

While not a race engine gish. It worked proficiently to g up to speed, and by working manual transmission, I could spunk, too.

On the highway, the test Corolla maintained top legal speed and the and it took only a bit more smooth passing maneuvers the addition of variable nology (VVT-i).

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Converting Camaro to a stick-shift can be more trouble than it's worth

PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

Q I want to put a stick-shift transmission into my 1989 Chevy Camaro RS. It has a 350 cubic inch V-8 and an automatic transmission that is beginning to slip. Rather than pay a lot of money to have it repaired, I want to change it over to a four-speed.

I've seen Z28 Camaros of the same year and a few of them had stick-shifts in them so I know it will work. I do some work on my car myself so I don't think it would be too much trouble to change it over.

D.S. San Diego, Calif.

A Before you get too deeply involved in the project, you'd better talk to someone who has done it. Besides acquiring a standard transmission, these are some of the things you may have to get or do.

The first thing is to check with a crankshaft grinding shop to make sure that the crank in your car will accept a pilot bushing for the new transmission. If it won't, you'll have to pull the engine and modify the crankshaft or replace it.

You'll also have to acquire a flywheel, clutch assembly and bell housing, transmission mounts and cross member, drive shaft and clutch operating mechanism which may or may not require modification to fit your car

The speedometer cable assembly may not fit the transmission and the speedometer head may need recalibration.

The rear axle ratio may not match the stick shift either. Your last problem is that it may not be a legal change in California because the original EPA ratings and smog equipment may not be compatible so you may not be able to get it certified at licensing time.

This doesn't address the question of your capabilities or tool selection. My advice is to fix the automatic or dispose of the car and buy one with a manual gearbox.

HAGIN'S Q & A

Q Our 1988 Ford Festiva is a four-cylinder and has an automatic transmission. We bought it second-hand for our daughter to use while she is going to college. It's just across town so she doesn't have to travel on the highway to get there but I don't want her to have to use public transportation because some of her classes are at night.

The car was well taken care of but it has a squeak coming from the back brakes when it comes to a slow stop. The former owner said it had always been there and our mechanic says that he can find nothing wrong and that the brakes are not worn out.

D.O. Portland, Ore.

A According to the Ford mechanics I've talked to, there is a relatively simple but not inexpensive cure for the problem but it isn't done very often.

The original rear brake backing plates (the part that the brake shoes and operating mechanisms are mounted to) suffer from a slight vibration that's set up when the car is coming to a slow stop and they're cold.

The cure is to dismantle the rear brakes completely, install the redesigned new backing plates and reassemble everything. According to the mechanics, the problem doesn't affect the stopping power of daughter's Festiva so you might want to co the cure is worth the expense.

Q I have a '94 Dodge Ram 1500 V-8 that I use to go to work in daily business. It's a "st ties so I didn't expect a lu

I drive it around town at stop lights and such. droning sound coming from u vibration in the steering wheel whe

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Honda Civic's redesign for 2001 makes it a compact instead of subcompact

By Ann M. Job
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The best-selling small car in the United States is getting bigger, more powerful, cleaner, safer, more refined, more comfortable and more economical to own

Whew!

The long list of improvements comes as the Honda Civic begins a seventh generation as a re-engineered, restyled model in 2001.

For the first time in its 27 years, the Civic comes with enough interior room to qualify as a compact, by a notch from subcompact

But note that Honda accomplished this without changing exterior dimensions by more than fractions —width grew just four-tenths of an inch, height 2 inches, and length actually decreased half an inch.

"Many young families who own a Civic class vehicle also have an SUV; as a result, there is not a lot of room in the garage" for a bigger car, explained Katsunori Mori, chief engineer for the new sedan.

Civic sedan buyers are typically in their mid 30s. Most are married and are often starting families. Civic coupe buyers are younger — on average less than 30.

Honda dropped the Civic hatchback this model year after lackluster sales.

The Civic sedan and coupe get new, larger engines this year that can go longer without recommended oil changes — all the way to 10,000 miles under normal driving conditions compared to 7,500 miles before.





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NEW HONDA CIVIC LX SEDAN, left, and EX Coupe come with new, larger engines, bigger seats and more trunk storage. Both are available in sedan and coupe versions. The EX models are the top of the line.

Previous Civics had 1.6-liter four-cylinder engines; the new powerplant is a 1.7-liter, single overhead cam four. In the lower trim models of DX and LX, Civic horsepower rises from 106 to 115 and torque increases from 105 foot-pounds at 4,600 rpm to 110 foot-pounds at 4,500 rpm.

The top-of-the-line EX cars add Honda's Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control (VTEC) technology.

Horsepower remains at last year's 127 in the EX cars, but torque increases from 107 foot-pounds at 5,500 rpm to 114 foot-pounds at a lower rpm of 4,800.

I tested the EX sedan and found the slight boost in torque wasn't the only thing that made accelerating more pleasant than in earlier Civics.

The new car has extra insulation, which mutes the usual four-cylinder buzz and makes for a less-fatiguing ride.

The quieter engine is also certified as an Ultra Low Emission Vehicle powerplant, making it the first ULEV engine to be distributed in all 50 states.

The EX's 127 horses compares with 130 horsepower in the 2-liter, four-cylinder-powered Ford Focus and the 125 horsepower from the 1.8-liter, four-cylinder-powered Toyota Corolla.

Fuel economy, as you'd expect from Honda, is competitive, no matter which Civic you look at. The most fuel-thrifty Civic is the HX coupe with continuously variable transmission, at 36 mpg in the city and 41 mpg on the highway.

Numerous safety features are new. The chassis and body of the front-wheel drive Civic include a strengthened body shell to absorb crash forces better.

Also, the 2001 Civic is the first car in the world to include double seat-belt pre-tensioners on both front seats. The goal is to reduce airbag injuries.

Pre-tensioners usually work only in shoulder belts, to pull them tight and snug riders back into their seatbacks during a crash. The Civic, however, also has pre-tensioners in the lap belts, so both shoulder and lap belts pull tight to better secure riders into the correct seat position as airbags deploy.

Also for the first time, the new Civic offers advanced airbags that can adjust the force of deployment, depending on the severity of the crash and whether front-seat occupants are buckled in

Also new are side airbags for the driver and front-seat rider. They're a $250 option and include another detection system that constantly monitors whether the front-seat passenger is too close to the side bag which is stored in the seat. Again, the goal is to avoid airbag injuries

The new Civic offers a host of refinements, large and small. The tighter body and new suspension system gave the test EX sedan a more controlled feel

The car rolled less in turns and curves than its predecessor

There is, overall, a more buttoned-down driving feel. The EX has 15-inch tires, compared with 14-inch tires last year

Instruments are larger and easier to read, and more switches are illuminated at night. The glovebox latch has moved from the middle of the glovebox door to the left, where the driver can reach it

Seats are new and bigger and no longer feel like heavy sponges, the way last year's Civic seats did

Buyers wanted more storage room, so the trunk in the sedan grows from 11.9 to 12.9 cubic feet — but not at the expense of backseat riders

They have 36 inches of legroom in the Civic sedan compared with 33.2 inches in the Corolla. The Focus sedan has 37.6 inches

Front legroom in the Civic sedan is 42.2 inches, less than the 42.5 inches in the Corolla and 43.1 inches in the Focus sedan. The Civic also has less headroom, front and rear, than the other two

The strongest selling point of the Civic, however, is its reputation for durability and reliability. Consumer Reports, which called the 2000 Civic a recommended buy, said 1992-99 Civics had better than average reliability

Starting manufacturer's suggested retail price plus destination charge for a 2001 Civic sedan — the DX with five-speed manual transmission — is $13,400, up $75 from the starting 2000 price

The lowest price for a 2001 Corolla is $13,023 for a base CE with manual transmission. Starting price for a 2001 Ford Focus sedan is $12,850

New Dodge NASCAR teams gearing up for 2001 season

By Larry Roberts
PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

"I know they're trying to break things just so they can figure out what might break." Obviously Sterling Marlin has a way with words.

Marlin is not a NASCAR neophyte so when he was told to run one of the all-new Dodge Intrepid Winston Cup cars until it broke, that's what he did. Several times

The occasion was one of the recent closed-to-the-press shakedown tests at the 2.5-mile Daytona International Speedway. Marlin, who normally drives a Chevrolet Monte Carlo for Alex Sabates' Team SABCO, (now owned by Chip Ganassi), will be driving a Dodge next year under the Ganassi banner.

Ganassi, best known for his ownership of Team Ganassi, the multi-faceted organization that won the Indy 500 in 2000, is adding to his stable by entering into NASCAR Winston Cup racing because of its meteoric rise in popularity among American TV sports viewers.

Another Dodge team readying for the 2001 season opener at Daytona is Evernham Motorsports whose owner, Ray Evernham, was coaxed away from the "Rainbow Warriors" Hendrick Motorsports team and driver Jeff Gordon for the upcoming season. Dodge made this former team manager an offer he couldn't refuse: ownership of his own fully-sponsored Winston Cup organization.

The Petty name has a history in NASCAR that goes back to its very first days when Lee Petty drove Dodges and Plymouths in NASCAR events held on the sands of Daytona Beach in the late '40s.

Petty Enterprises is back in the Dodge fold with a member of yet another great family piloting one of the team cars. John Andretti, nephew of Mario, will be driving one of the Petty Dodges along with Kyle Petty.

Bill Davis has been a regular on the NASCAR Winston Cup circuit for many years and now has Dodge sponsorship for his organization.

For the upcoming season, Dave Balney and Ward Burton, one of the famous Battling Burton Brothers who take sibling rivalry to new heights on NASCAR tracks, will be doing the driving chores for Davis.

Mark Melling is another old-time NASCAR Winston Cup name that's been around for a while. Melling Racing has fielded Fords in recent years and is now in the fast-growing Dodge camp.

His driver, Stacy Compton, a mainstay driver in the Dodge assault on the NASCAR Craftsman Truck series until a few years ago, was also recently interviewed

"...Dodge told me when I left that if there was any way they could take care of me in the future that they would," Compton said. Dodge not only took care of Compton but pulled Melling Racing in along with him

If things go according to plan, these teams will be fielding 10 cars and drivers in the upcoming opener at Daytona International Speedway this coming February

Since the field usually consists of around 40 cars, this means that potentially one-quarter of the field could be made up of factory-backed Dodge Intrepids

In spite of the fact that teething problems will eliminate many of the Dodges in this, their first race, statistically, one of them has a chance to win. I wonder if they will all adhere to corporate driving instructions?

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Buick plans to rendezvous in a big way with younger buyers

By Jim Mateja
CHICAGO TRIBUNE



BUICK recent... 2002 Ren... vehicle that w... younger buyers. ... carmaker as it ... the new ... minivan and SUV ...

CHICAGO — Rendezvous

A place, according to that chap Webster, where "people customarily come in numbers."

Buick can only hope the definition proves true.

Lots of people, many of them youth waving plastic money in one hand while balancing the kids in the other, folks not often seen in Buick stores, the domain of the mature gentry who endorse Social Security checks when making a down payment.

Catering to youth is absolutely necessary because one of the many benefits youth has over age is the ability to buy more vehicles.

The General Motors division is undertaking a youth movement led by Rendezvous, a cross between the best a car and sport-utility can offer in features and function.

Rendezvous is the first serious GM offering meant to compete with the Lexus RX300, the vehicle that has, for now, defined hybrid and, in doing so, has captured the market for the upstart breed.

For years the automakers have teased the public with concept vehicles and the promise that someday they'll become reality. Rendezvous finally fulfills the promise and in early 2001 will be introduced as a 2002 model.

Rendezvous was unveiled at the Chicago Auto Show in February. It was one of two notable GM hybrids at the show, the other being the Pontiac Aztek.

Both are built off the same GM minivan platform, but each has its own character Aztek is fun; Rendezvous is function.

Rendezvous is about 10 inches shorter than a Regal sedan, or about the size of an RX300 or Mercedes-Benz M-Class SUV.

Ron Zarrella, head of GM's North American Operations, has said Rendezvous is more important to Buick than Aztek is to Pontiac. Jack Bowen, Rendezvous brand manager, agrees.

"Pontiac has lots of entries for the young, Buick doesn't. The average Buick buyer age is just over 60. It's important to attract younger buyers to Buick to prove the viability of the franchise," he said.

"The Rendezvous for Buick will be like the Beetle for Volkswagen, a vehicle that gives the company a younger image and attracts more people into the showroom, where, even if they don't buy Rendezvous, the salesman may be able to put them in a Regal, Century or LeSabre," Bowen said.

The nearly one-year peek before Rendezvous goes on sale is designed to give Buick time to prepare the public for the first "truck" in the lineup in 80 years, said Buick general manager Roger Adams.

"The year will give us time to study the market, let people know about this vehicle, help get it noticed and see how many people raise their hands for one. Tiger Woods (newly named Buick spokesman) has bought the first one and will tour with it. That should help," Adams said.

And to maintain consumer contact and identify hand-raisers, Buick has set up a BuickRendezvous.com Web site.

From a practical standpoint, the year also gives Buick time to make revisions based on consumer feedback such as it will get at the Chicago Auto Show.

"We're locked in on the sheet metal but could make software changes," he said, such as decor, trim and what equipment is standard or optional or not needed.

You might wonder, as we did, why Buick gets a hybrid and Oldsmobile doesn't because Olds' designated duty at GM is to lure folks from imports and it's the Lexus RX300 that dominates the hybrid market.

Bowen insists Buick owners are prime candidates for a four-wheel-drive sedan/SUV hybrid because Olds offers a Bravada SUV and a Silhouette minivan.

"The typical Buick buyer — 40 percent of them — also has a truck or a sport-ute in the garage," Bowen said, adding that since Buick offers neither truck nor sport-ute, the second vehicle in the garage is a competitive make.

"Rendezvous gives us the opportunity to provide our buyers with a Buick that gives them the same ride, handling, comfort and style as their car, but with even more function," Bowen said.

In addition to Buick owners, Rendezvous will be targeted at minivan and sport-ute owners.

"We're going after our traditional Buick customer, but we're going to conquest the 35- to 50-year-olds as well," Bowen said.

"We're going after those who bought an SUV for function but gave up comfort in doing so, and we're going after minivan owners who bought one for function, but gave up styling in doing so. We're going after those who want the versatility that the SUV or minivan gives them, but with the ride, handling and comfort they miss from the sedan," he said.

The fact the Lexus RX300, which the Rendezvous strongly resembles, is such a hot seller proves the public has accepted the genre and wants a hybrid.

"The RX300 took people out of luxury sedans and premium imports. We'll be at a price point where we'll take some business away from the RX300 as well as the Mercedes-Benz M-Class and BMW X5 sport-utility vehicles," Bowen said

Bowen wouldn't talk price, but Adams did.

"We'll be more affordable for more people. We'll be significantly less than the RX300 (around $35,000) yet offer a more complete vehicle. We'll offer a third-row seat as an option, for example, while Lexus doesn't have one," Adams said

Buick won't forecast volume, but GM insiders say Aztek and Rendezvous will be built in the same plant at the rate of about 70,000 units each annually.

"It won't be our highest-volume product but won't be a niche vehicle either," Bowen said.

Rendezvous was unveiled at the auto show because ... Buick's No. 1 sales ... if it plays well here, it ... where. Rendezvous ... attributes in a sport-... .

Rendezvous will be ... and top-of-the-line CX ... have front-wheel-drive as ... wheel-drive as an option. CX ... wheel-drive as standard

The CX will offer optional traction ... trol.

Both will have anti-lock brakes as ... dard.

Buick estimates 75 percent of all ... dezvous buyers will opt for AWD ... tomatic system that engages without ... or dials.

Despite AWD, Rendez... RX300, isn't meant to ... roader but rather on-road ... cruiser that can handle ...

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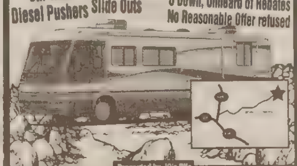
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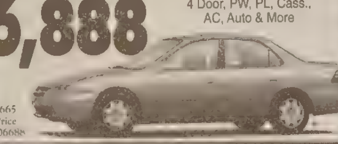
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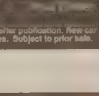
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00 Montana	195075	21 315
00 Gr Voy SE	638104	18 311
00 Safari SLE	526681	19 404
95 Aerostar XLT	A93070	58 76
95 Club Wgn	B48147	63 240
98 Trns Sprt	302127	24 447
99 Taurus SE Wgn	289971	27 896
93 Aerostar	B61054	19 91
99 Villager Estate	J02378	23 662
99 Windstar SE	C32818	18 192
00 Astro LS AWD	174902	13 184
00 Ram 3500 15P	127035	19 686
00 Venture LS Van	175764	21 544
94 Villager LS Van	J31332	58 191
99 3500 Box Box	096812	6 409
99 E150	B68569	19 470
99 GMC Savana 2500	067093	20675
99 GMC Savana 3500	048165	25 153

SUVs

Model	Vin #	Miles
00 Explor EB 4x4	A27915	20 835
97 Blazer LT	113492	[illegible]
97 Gr Cher LTD 4x4	737497	52 455
97 Gr Cher Orvis 4x4	683806	47 425
00 Jimmy SLE 4x4	279836	15,250
97 Suburban LS 4x4	179977	44 034
98 Navigator 4x4	26074	28 315
98 Explor Spt 4x2	B57301	27 296
98 Navigator 4x4	J01120	31,725
97 Suburban LS 4x4	379876	41,854
99 Explor EB 4x4	[illegible]	17,514
97 Suburban SLT 4x4	759309	51,697
99 QX4 4x4	068640	13 573
99 Gr Cher Laredo 4x4	587865	24188
99 Suburban LT 4x4	324304	34 527
98 Navigator 4x4	08048	34875
00 Mountaineer AWD	J27114	467
97 GR Cher LTD 4x2	675065	35 907
97 GR cher LTD 4x4	755610	24 384
97 Montero SPT LS 4x2	015168	52 726
97 Pathfinder SE 4x4	156299	42 963
99 Suburban LS 4x4	124557	19 181
00 Blazer LS 4x4	320051	11 274
97 Blazer LT 4x2	113492	29 857
98 Explorer XLT 4x4	B55635	26 889
99 Expedition EB 4x4	A39162	23 579
99 Suburban LT 4x4	558312	13 836

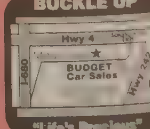
TRUCKS

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00 F150 XC XLT P/U	A99108	
00 Ranger XC XLT	[illegible]	
94 1500 Utility	24490	
94 2500 Cheyenne	306446	
00 S10 XC LS PU	189689	
94 1500 Cheyenne 4x4	274427	
[illegible]	129837	
97 S10 XC LS PU	242367	24 199
94 Dakota SLT	581259	68,914
99 F150 XC XLT	B48125	16,114
99 F250 XC Lariat	E84903	9 158
99 REM 3500 4x4	573836	6,065
99 S10 XC LS PJ	187061	15
00 1500 Silver LS	227746	18 875
00 F150 XLT XC 4x4	A94046	8 695
00 Silverado LS P/U	301532	
97 1500 Sierra SL FLT	510910	
97 F150 XC XLT 4x4	C55865	
98 Ranger XLT P/U	B28636	
99 Dakota XC SLT	193716	
99 F150 XLT	B80202	
99 F250 XLT XC 4x4	E12048	
99 F250 XLT XC 4x4	E12046	
98 F150 Lariat XC	B28608	
98 Ranger XLT 4x4	B51156	

SEDANS & COUPES

Model	Vin #	Miles
97 Grand Am SE 4D	[illegible]	[illegible]
98 Altima GE 4D	234306	[illegible]
97 Q45 4D	007670	[illegible]
00 LeSabre Cust 4D	128605	[illegible]
00 Regal L 4D	288144	[illegible]
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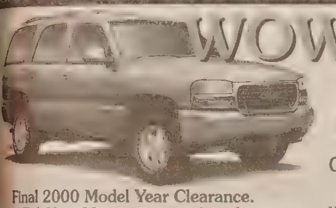
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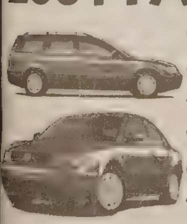
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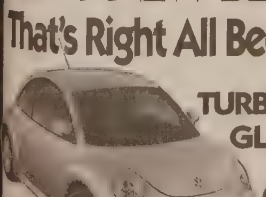
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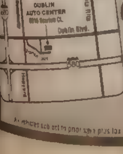
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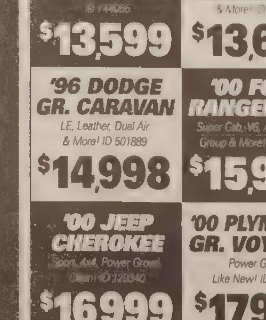
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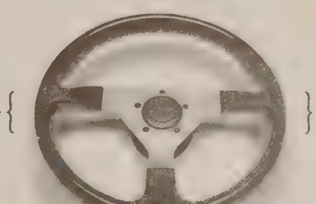
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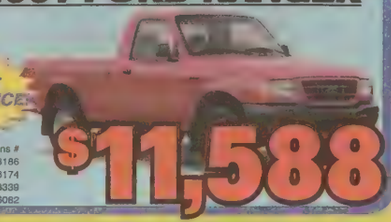
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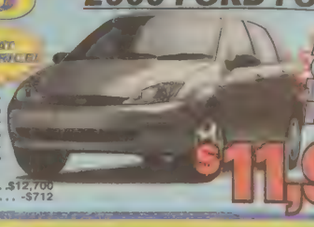
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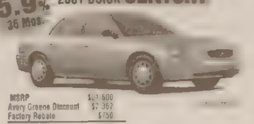
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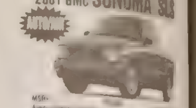
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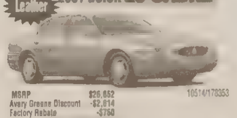
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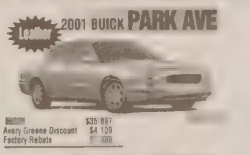
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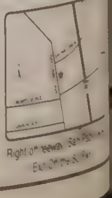
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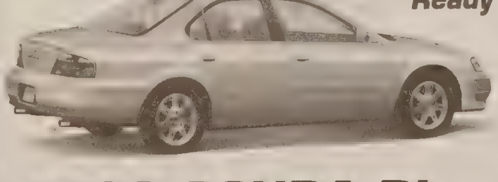
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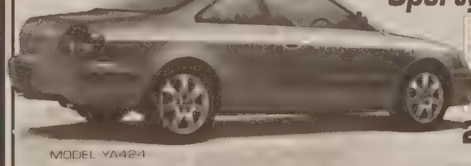
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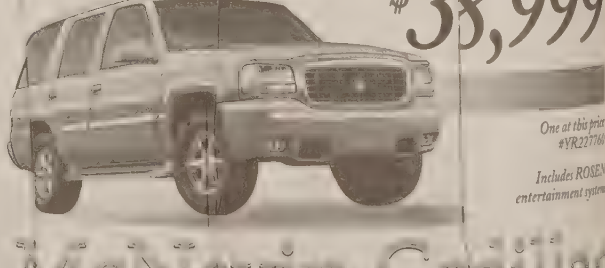


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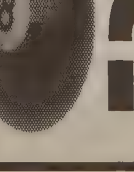
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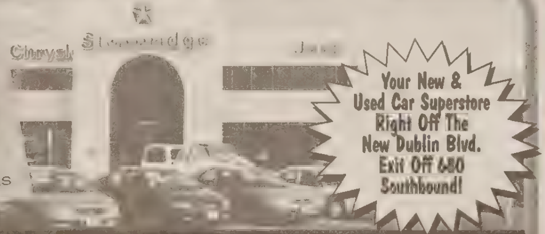
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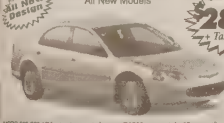
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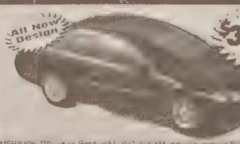

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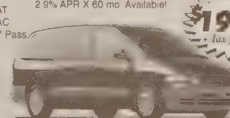
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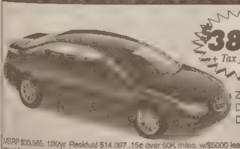
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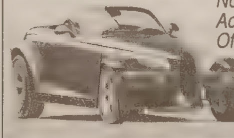
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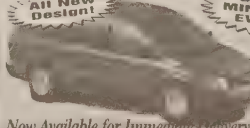
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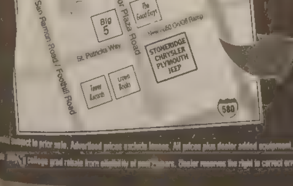
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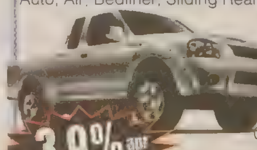
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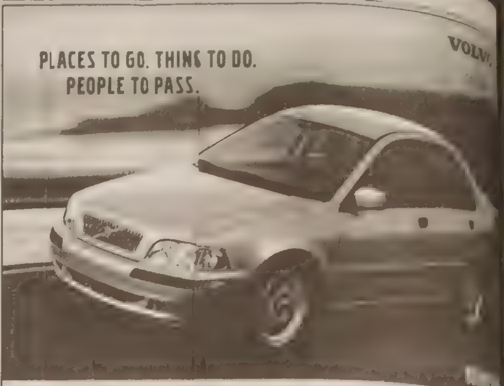
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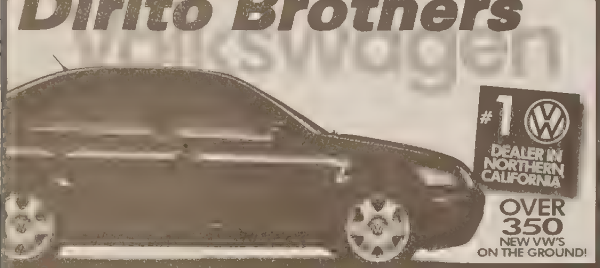
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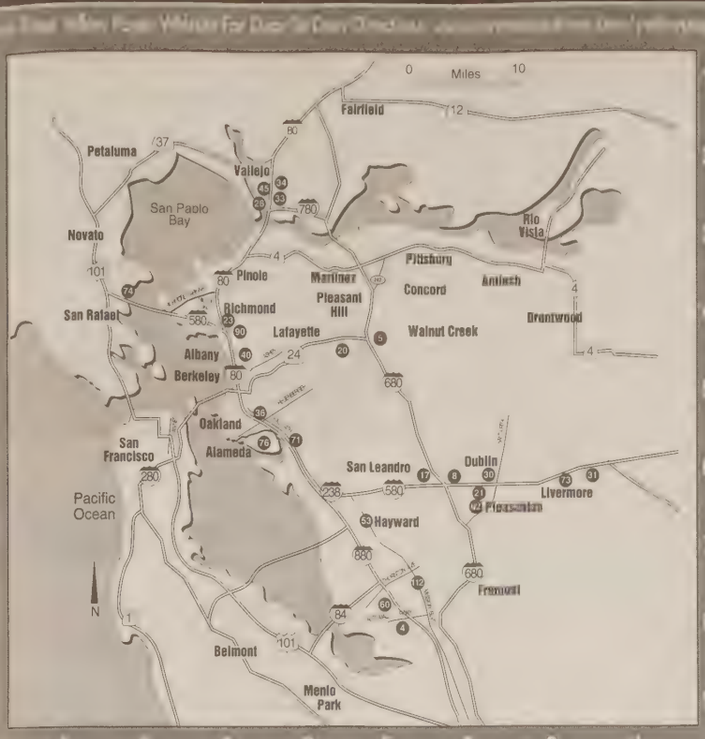
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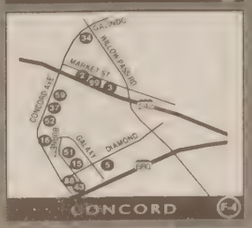
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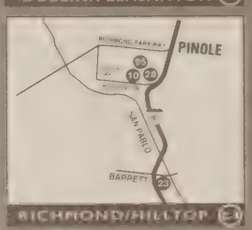




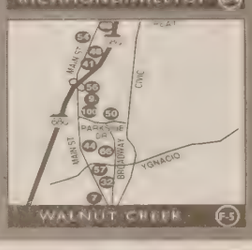












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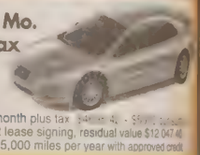
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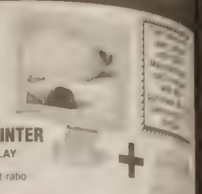


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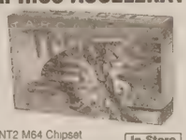
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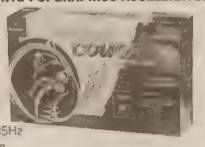


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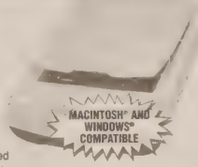


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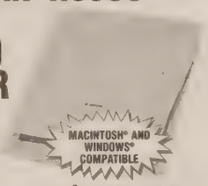
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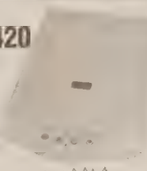
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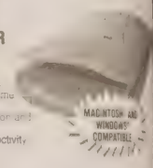
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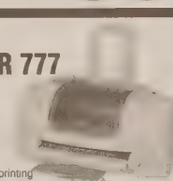


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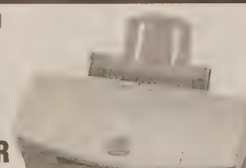
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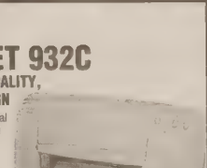
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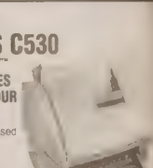
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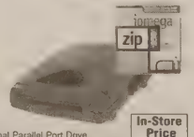


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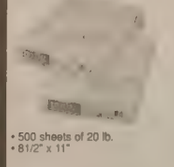


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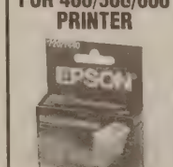
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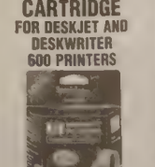
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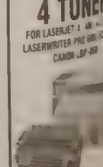
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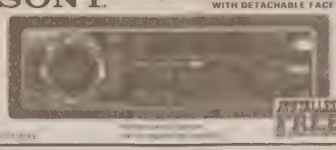
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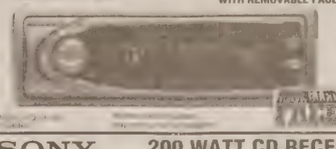
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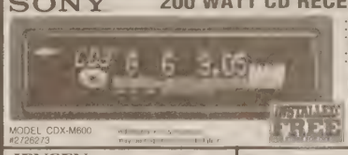
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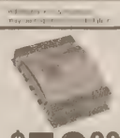
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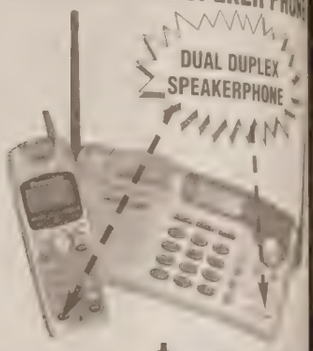


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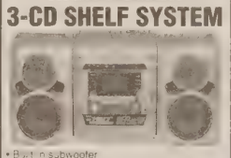
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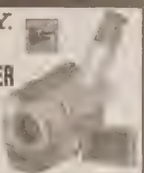
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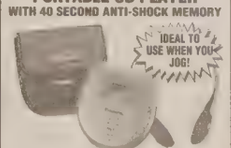
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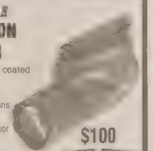
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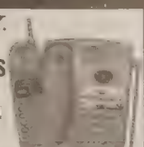
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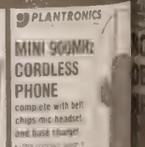
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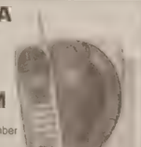
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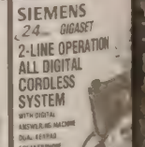
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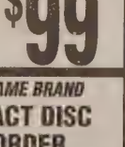
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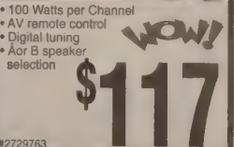
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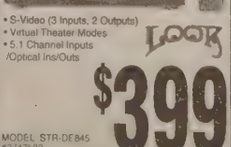
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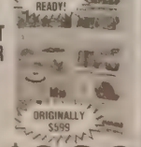
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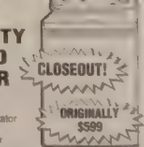
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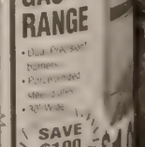
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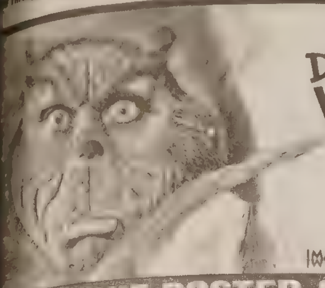
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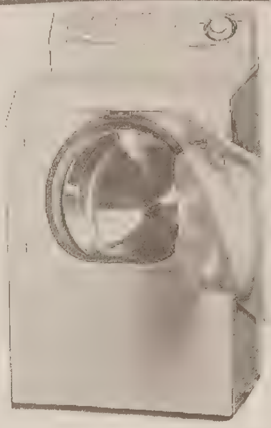
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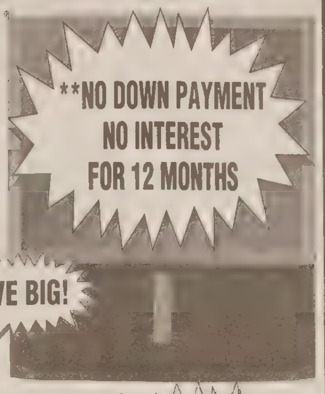
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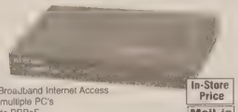


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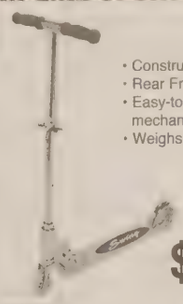


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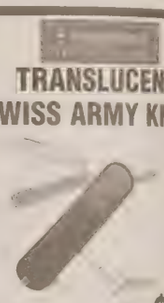


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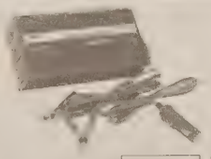
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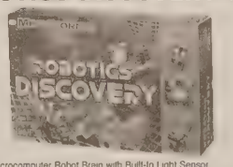


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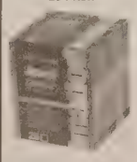


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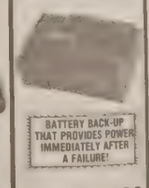
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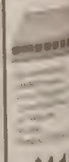
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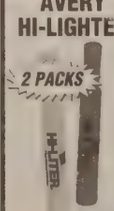


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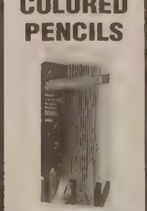
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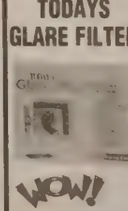
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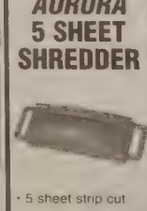
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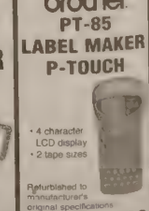
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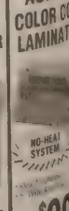
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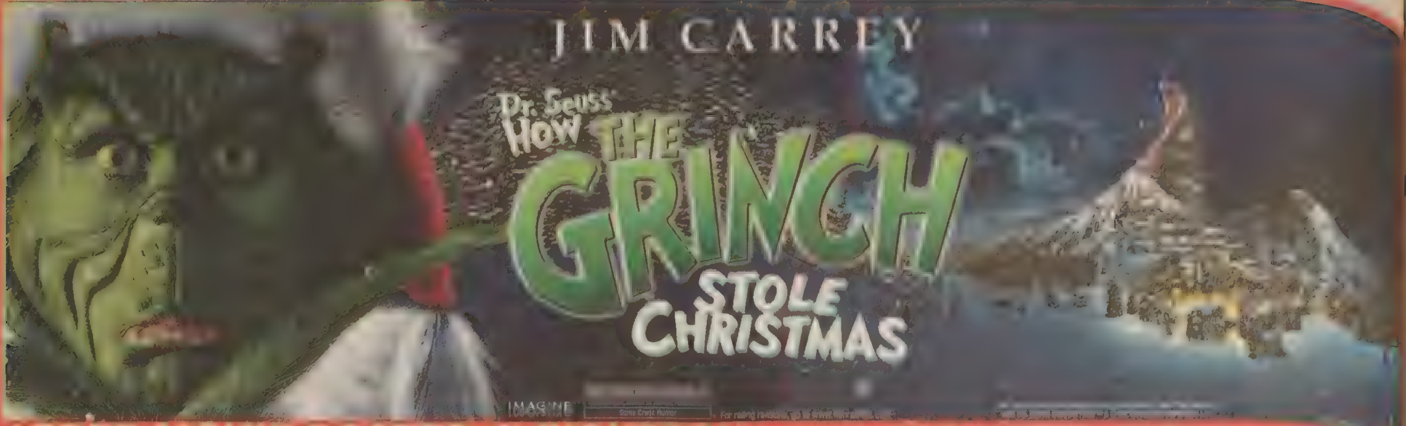
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■ Cuba Gooding Jr. had to learn a couple of things before tackling his movie role as Carl Brashear, the first African-American Navy diver. The first thing was how to put on a bunch of heavy equipment and swim underwater. The second thing was how not to completely freak out when doing the first thing. But all's well that ends well, and Gooding has generated some Oscar buzz for his portrayal of Brashear in "Men of Honor," opening today. Read about the talented actor, and find Mary Pols' review of "Men of Honor," in our cover package beginning on Page 32.

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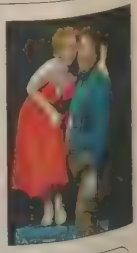
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■ The Bay Area's going through a Cole snap — as in Cole Porter. Throughout the Bay Area, you'll find current shows or productions on the way saluting Porter's gorgeous and evocative music. Why? "His music stands up," says Betty Harwood, the Diablo Light Opera Company's marketing director. "He's a timeless composer that works." Times staff writer Lynn Carey looks at the man, his music and his resurgence.

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Playing dumb could mean trouble in the next election



AND ANOTHER THING
Vera H-C Chan

CONGRATULATIONS on a deception well-executed. The votes are in (and were still being counted at press time) and we can now shed our masks of indecision.

Vengeance is ours for all those times the Three Ps (pollsters, politicians and pundits) decided the outcome before election day, declared winners before the ballots were closed and berated the public for not voting because it mattered. This year, we played it dumb and sent the pesky pollsters skulking back to their day jobs of shoveling AOL disks into mailboxes. We perplexed the high-handed pundits, who became punch-drunk watching their bouncing crystal balls and resorted to "rock, paper, scissors" to make their predictions. We sent candidates — local, regional and national — running in a dither and doing a dance of the seven veils in which they slowly stripteased their platforms and propositions.

Our professed "I dunno" approach to voting worked well, proving that the government isn't the only one who can indulge in conspiracies. Admittedly, our collective coyness only had partial success, since instead of gaining credibility, campaigns and political coverage reverted to the horse race mentality.

Which means vigilance is needed more than ever. We've recently uncovered evidence of nefarious strategy shifts for the next elections. Polling organizations, for instance, are contracting mercenaries from various mobs and health clubs sales staff. Some tactics that may be in the works:

■ Pollsters going undercover in news and radio station vans lure the public with "Mean People Suck" bumper stickers and free passes to an Adam Sandler Film Festival. Once they uncover your identity, they aim the van dish at your home and try to discern your political inclinations by the feng shui arrangement of your furniture.

■ At member-shopping warehouses, people who stop to sample food products will be strapped to a polygraph machine, injected with cheese spray with sodium pentathol and subjected to a battery of polling questions.

Meanwhile, the politicos are forgoing political consultants for straight-out advertising agencies. Taking a page from "The Selling of the President," they're launching Operation Selling of the Presidency, intended to make the office cool. Our spies managed to get a Powerpoint copy of some rough plans, plus really nice travel coffee mugs and stress balls:

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■ Called "got president?," another campaign depicts the candidates at various whistle-stop appearances. After cramming home-baked cookies from an adoring voter into their mouths, they find, to their horror, that they cannot articulate their stands because there's no milk. The public is meant to lap this up the next time they can't answer a question. To be safe, milk mustaches would be painted on the candidates — permanently.

■ Rather than live broadcasts, debates will be filmed by music video directors. Broods of voluptuous young women (which might be construed as patriarchally insensitive) will be replaced by senior citizens doing polka hip-hop.

■ In lieu of desperate cameos on "Saturday Night Live," politicians will actually replace the SNL players during the election specials. This will ensure their public longevity, as they can be cast in future SNL movies, which couldn't be any worse than "A Night at the Roxbury."

■ All presidential candidates — including the ones from the most marginal parties — will be locked in the Oval Office for three months with "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch as the sarong-wearing commentator. Americans cast their vote in an elimination process.

Buck up. It'll be a long four years.

Events editor Vera H-C Chan casts her votes via absentee ballot so she can hibernate during election. If she doesn't like the candidates, she won't come out for the winter.

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Movies



MISTER BEEFY the talking bulldog/demon is sent to guard Adam Sandler in the appalling "Little Nicky."

'Little Nicky' is all in bad taste

By Mary F. Pols
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Last night, during a screening for "Little Nicky," my soft spot for Adam Sandler turned to stone.

What was it that ended it for me? In the morass of tasteless humor that is Sandler's latest and most nefarious concoction, it's challenging to pick a precise moment. But the unpleasant image that keeps coming to mind is Sandler, playing the youngest son of the Devil, dropping his pants on a New York sidewalk in order to have a bowel movement.

Oh, don't worry. Mister Beefy, the talking bulldog/demon who is Nicky's guardian on earth, stops him before anything too gross happens and explains that humans don't use sidewalks as bathrooms.

This is what your children will want to see this weekend. Don't let them. Really. The bathroom humor is just the tip of the iceberg. There's also intense product placement that will have your little beasts begging for Popeye's fried chicken for weeks to come, a strain of homophobia and a running gag about Keitel sodomizing Hitler on a daily basis with pineapples. The indignities done to and by Mister Beefy are grounds for a complaint to the SPCA. And I'll get to the part about characters killing for fun in just a few more paragraphs.

But first, I'm confessing My Sandler Soft Spot, humiliating though it may be, because it's important that you know this is not just some knee-jerk movie critic reaction to offensive or sophomoric humor. There's something about Sandler's coy, sideways smile, his shuffling manner, that I have previously found appealing, whether it's watching him strum a guitar on "Saturday Night Live" or romance Drew Barrymore in "The Wedding Singer." Typically, he's a lovable loser.

Not so in "Little Nicky," where he plays a mentally challenged version of Quasimodo for 84 long minutes. He's the third son of the Devil (Harvey Keitel, who should be very ashamed), and the weak link in the family tree of evil because his mom was an angel (Reese Witherspoon). His two big brothers, Adrian (Rhys Ifans, that memorable Spike of "Notting Hill") and Cassius (former wrestler Tiny Lister, Jr.) have no such conflicts; they are pure evil. One of them whacked Nicky in the face with a shovel long ago, explaining the Quasimodo posture and his permanently off-kilter expression.

Adrian and Cassius contrive a plot to wrest power from the Devil, which involves them flinging themselves through the fires of Hell and arriving in New York to preach the pleasures of sinning to the people. Supposedly then all these sinners will die and go to Hell and be followers of Adrian and Cassius. Like the electoral college, they will raise the brothers up to power.

But the brothers' departure from Hell freezes over the gates and makes it impossible for anyone else to enter. This is bad, not just for the burn-in-hell business, but for Keitel's devil, who starts to decompose without new souls to feed his evil. The moronic Nicky, who would rather be listening to heavy metal in his bedroom, is dispatched to earth to bring his brothers back.

Let loose in New York, Nicky is like Daryl Hannah's mermaid in "Splash." Or "Crocodile Dundee." Or that little boy from the rain forest that came home with Tim Allen in "Jungle 2 Jungle." Or countless other "innocents" who have roamed the streets of New York. The only difference is that Nicky has some issues with the cold that require him to wear goofy down parkas and sit on barbecues.

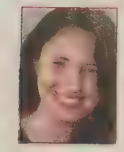
While looking for his brothers, he falls in love with Valerie (Patricia Arquette, making the bad career choice of the year) a student from the Parsons School of Design. There are cameos by a number of "Saturday Night Live" graduates, including Dana Carvey, Jon Lovitz, Kevin Nealon and Rob Schneider. You'll also get a peek at Quentin Tarantino, who still can't act, Rodney Dangerfield, Henry Winkler, Michael Vick, Sean, Bill Walton, Ozzy Osbourne and some other famous folks. They provide a few good laughs, but none of them save "Little Nicky."

Back to the real reason why children shouldn't see this movie. When Nicky gets to earth, he keeps walking in front of subway trains, buses and the like. Over and over. He dies and goes back to Hell and then has to be sent back to earth through the gates of Hell. For plot purposes there are a couple of times when he decides to die deliberately so that he can get some advice from his pals in Hell.

On these occasions, he enters various people to "kill" him. A couple of heavy metal Satan worshippers are only too happy to comply, as is the obligatory closeted gay character of most bad comedies. Nicky's roommate, whose eyes appear to, says, "I've always wanted to someone." Cut to the bathtub, the roommate is holding Nicky's head under the water. What a delightful message for the young people of America, who if born Scandinavians are any indication, have a very soft spot for Sandler. We have enough problems with kids having no concept of what the results of violence are. Keep them home or send them to see "Little Nicky," if they need a devil fix.

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Little Nicky"
- **STARRING:** Adam Sandler, Harvey Keitel, Patricia Arquette, Rhys Ifans
- **RATING:** PG-13 (for crude sexual humor, some drug content, language and thematic material)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 24 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** D-



MARY'S PICKS

- **"CHARLIE'S ANGELS":** A golden retriever of a movie: high-spirited, sloppy, affectionate, silly and full of fun. Yes, it has its slow moments, not to mention no plot whatsoever, but it's still a giddy, guilty pleasure.
- **"REQUIEM FOR A DREAM":** This brilliant movie about four drug addicts is tricky to recommend, because it's so harrowing and intense. But the acting (particularly by Ellen Burstyn) and storytelling is incredible. Movie buffs shouldn't miss this one from director Darren Aronofsky.

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Interstellar adventure fails to really fly

By Carrie Rickey
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

On the basis of recent interstellar expeditions we can conclude that movies about the red planet are from Mars and that Carrie-Anne Moss is from Venus. We also can conclude that movies about Mars ("Mars Attacks," "Mission to Mars," "Red Planet") are never, ever, ever as good as a Mars bar.

"Red Planet" is the feature debut of Antony Hoffman, the man behind the ads with those football-playing Clydesdales. It stars the striking Moss, that fierce beauty from "The Matrix," as the sternest, sexiest babe in space since Sigourney Weaver's Lt. Ripley.



CARRIE-ANNE MOSS and Val Kilmer play space pioneers out to colonize Mars in "Red Planet."

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Red Planet"
- **STARRING:** Carrie-Anne Moss, Val Kilmer, Tom Sizemore, Benjamin Bratt, Simon Baker
- **RATING:** PG-13 (violence, profanity)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 56 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** C

Except for Moss (as commander Kate Bowman, who leads a mission to colonize Mars in 2050 because the earth's atmosphere can no longer sustain human life), "Red Planet" feels a lot like a B-movie from the 1950s, with better cinematography and gadgets. The nicest thing one can say about the film is that it boasts dialogue of the ripened-cheesy sort that elicits a guffaw or three.

Typically a good outer-space flick does one or more of the following: It transports you; it politicizes you; it makes you scream; it makes you squeamish; it inspires you to redecorate.

"Red Planet" does none of these. Instead, it moves you to think of all the "Star Trek" episodes and movies that did all of the above with greater ease, humor and urgency.

Hoffman's movie dispenses a tad too much exposition in Bowman's voice-over narration, which is to say that there's too much talk and not enough action.

Earth is dying, therefore space cowboys are being dispatched to build the first colony on the famously uninhabitable red planet.

The cowboys include Chantilas (Terence Stamp), a sensitive scientist who believes faith, not science, holds the secret of the universe; Burchenal (Tom Sizemore), an egghead for whom nature holds no secrets; and Gallagher (Val Kilmer), an engineer dismissed by his crewmates as "the janitor."

Benjamin Bratt is also on hand as a self-important fighter-jock, and Simon Baker plays an insecure scientist, but their characters are not defined beyond that. Oh, and yes, there's a robot named AMEE who, in space-cowboy parlance, "goes mustang," meaning AWOL, and treats the crew as her enemy.

Much like his characters, who crash-land on Mars and don't notice the movement of tiny creatures on the planet's crusty terra cotta surface, director Hoffman is strangely oblivious to the movements of his human characters.

He's a pictorialist who, with the collaboration of gifted cinematographer Peter Suschitzky and production designer Owen Paterson, clearly thought he was making a John Ford movie in space. The topography of Mars looks a lot like Monument Valley. But as invincible as Moss is in this movie, she is no John Wayne.

The only tension in Hoffman's film is the sexual electricity created by Moss' Bowman and her all-male crew. Alas, Hoffman defuses this early in a plot jolt that strands Bowman in space and deposits her men on Mars, where the film would be a typical guys-around-the-campfire affair, except that this campfire involves firing up thousands of liters of rocket fuel.

Adolescent friendship rings familiar in 'Romeo'

By Stephen Holden
NEW YORK TIMES

If "A Room for Romeo Brass," a loose-jointed wisp of a movie about the friendship of two 12-year-old boys in the English Midlands, seems so true to life that it might almost be a high-quality home movie, that's because it relates the story of its screenwriters' own childhood friendship at a certain moment in the recent past (the mid-1980s). Like the film's main characters — Gavin Woolley (Ben Marshall), nicknamed Knocks, and Romeo Brass (Andrew Shim) — Shane Meadows, who directed, and his screenwriting collaborator, Paul Fraser, were best friends and next-door neighbors in a cramped housing development.

Marshall and Shim, the superb unknown actors who play the boys, appear so natural in front of the camera that their portrayals scarcely seem like performances. Knocks, who is partly disabled with a bad back, is a sly practical joker who, while recovering from an operation, studies to be an amateur magician. Romeo is a self-styled tough guy, attracted to the martial arts, who defends his best friend when he runs afoul of older bullies.

One afternoon during a playground brawl that the two friends are losing, they are rescued by an older stranger, Morell (Paddy Considine), who befriends them and takes them around in his van. At first, Morell appears to be a lovable, eccentric sad sack. And when he takes an instant shine to Romeo's beautiful elder sister, Ladine (Vicky McClure), who works in a jeans store, he enlists his younger friends to help him win a date with her.

Knocks is dispatched to quiz Ladine on her tastes in men's fashions, and the boy, ever the prankster, mischievously turns her sartorial pet peeves into a list of recommendations. The movie's funniest scene shows Morell strutting around in a ludicrous purple sporting outfit, a cap with a clear plastic visor perched comically on his head. In these early scenes, Morell comes across as a sweet, wounded innocent and you root for him to win Ladine's affection.

As part of his romantic campaign, Morell monopolizes Romeo and begins teaching him martial arts moves. Romeo becomes so caught up in his new obsession that he barely notices when Knocks goes to the hospital for a critical back operation, and their friendship is breached.

Although Morell finally gets a date with Ladine, he never forgives Knocks for his practical joke, and eventually Morell reveals himself as an unstable, potentially violent menace to both boys and their families. Considine's Morell is an original and thoroughly believable creation.

In playing him, the skinny, hollow-eyed actor dexterously balances quirky charm with an instability that is both pathetic and ominous. The movie also skillfully sketches in the boys' families. Knocks has a stern, strait-laced mother and a couch-potato father, while Romeo's parents are embattled.

Beyond its remarkably detailed realism, "A Room for Romeo Brass" doesn't have much on its mind. It is essentially a personal reminiscence of daily life that captures with an astonishing precision exactly what it felt to be a 12-year-old boy growing up in a particular time and place.

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "A Room for Romeo Brass"
- **STARRING:** Andrew Shim, Ben Marshall, Paddy Considine, Frank Harper, Julia Ford, James Higgins, Vicky McClure, Ladene Hall and Bob Hoskins
- **RATING:** R (profanity and sexual situations)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 30 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at the Lumiere, S.F.
- **GRADE:** B

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LANE JANGER plays Anthony, a man obsessed with the fantasy of having a menage a trois with his fiancee and another woman in "Just One Time."

A date movie at best, new sexy comedy lacks the sex

By Mary F. Pols
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The trifling comedy "Just One Time" has a case of "Eyes Wide Shut" Syndrome; it sounds much more tantalizing and sexy than it actually is.

Anthony (Lane Janger) is a hottie New York firefighter who is about to marry a hottie lawyer, Amy (Joelle Carter). Everyone they know seems to regard them as the perfect couple, two hotties who have found each other. But Anthony has a fantasy he can't shake: that Amy will participate in a menage a trois with him and another woman. "Just one time," he begs.

This is pretty standard male fantasy fare, but Anthony's obsession pushes the envelope. There's a scene where he props up a photo of Amy next to a porn magazine with a blonde on the cover, makes the two photos kiss and starts to, ahem, have a menage a une.

Amy is decidedly less interested in his fantasy, which must be completed before their marriage because Anthony, considerate soul that he is, wants to preserve their wedding vows. In true lawyerly fashion, she draws up a contract that is guaranteed to put the screws to him; he's got to fulfill her fantasy as well. Anthony is just dumb enough to be thrilled, until Amy lights some candles, puts on some sexy lingerie and invites over their cute — and very gay — young neighbor Victor (a lively Guillermo Diaz, who might be familiar to fans of the Parker Posey movie "Party Girl"). Conveniently, Victor has a major crush on Anthony and is all too willing to comply.

Anthony beats a hasty retreat, but Amy won't let him off the hook. In the movie's stupidest contrivance, she forces him to take Vi... date with his totally straight firefighter buddies. Meanwhile, she... ploring hanging out with the ne... who lives across the street, wh... pens to be yet another hottie ... nifer Esposito, formerly of TV's ... City").

There's some mildly entertai... dialogue and the premise is ... interesting, but "Just One Time" ... appoints. Part of the problem ... be that Janger, who also wrote, ... rected and produced it, origi... shot the movie as a short ... premiere at Sundance in ... then expanded it. There's ... enough material for a ... ture, so we have to ... pointless scenes.

And sexy as it sou... is fairly tame. There's ... the two women, but ... it goes. At its heart ... is a date movie, de... provocative premise ... got too much belief ... between Amy and ... more belief than you ... end — to toy with the ... their relationship. ... stuff on "Sex and ... more sex).

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** 'Just One Time"
- **STARRING:** Joelle Carter, Lane Janger, Guillermo Diaz, Jennifer Esposito
- **RATING:** NR
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 32 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at the Shattuck, Berkeley and the Lumiere, San Francisco
- **GRADE:** C-

MOVIES



MARIA (Ana Fernandez) and her mother (Maria Galiana) suffer from a strained relationship in "Solas."

Small 'Solas' is grand gem

By Mary F. Pols
TIMES STAFF WRITER

How easy it would be to miss "Solas" amid all the gaudily wrapped major releases Hollywood is starting to throw our way for the holidays. Blink and this quietly beautiful Spanish movie will disappear from the theaters.

And what a shame that would be. Nominated for 11 Goyas, the Spanish equivalent of Oscar, this is the kind of movie that sneaks up so gently you spend the first half musing about how nothing is happening and then find yourself in the last 15 minutes digging frantically in your bag for something to mop up your tears. "Solas" ("Alone") is a stealth bomber of a movie, somber and slow, yet so eloquent it reaches out and wrenches your heart.

Summing up the plot feels like an exercise in futility; it sounds so uneventful. A country woman comes to stay with her bitter 35-year-old daughter, Maria (the hollow-eyed Ana Fernandez) in an unnamed city in southern Spain. The visit is just a short one, lasting only the few days it takes Maria's father to recover from non-life-threatening surgery in a nearby hospital, but it has a profound effect on Maria and on the elderly neighbor (Carlos Alvarez-Novoa) who lives in the apartment below her.

From the moment Maria's mother Rosa (Maria Galiana) arrives, there's unspoken tension between the two women. "You should pick up after you shower," the mother says, looking around Maria's unkempt bathroom. Rosa is a square, solid woman, who observes every aspect of her daughter's life with quiet curiosity. She's not judgmental; when she says "You're thin," to her daughter, it's simple a (correct) statement of fact.

Touchy relationships

But Maria, a maid who is unemployed more often than not, interprets everything as criticism. It's a classic portrayal of the mixed-up nature of the mother-daughter relationship. You see Maria resenting her mother and yet craving her attention, you see the mother trying to figure out how to approach this prickly creature. Every time the mother goes to the grocery store, she comes home with a flowering plant, which she puts somewhere in Maria's minimally decorated apartment. Maria scowls ferociously and tells her she doesn't have time to take care of them. Her mother shrugs and continues to buy them.

Director Benito Zambrano could be criticized for using such an obvious device — the plant that needs nurturing, the woman who needs to both be nurtured and to learn how to nurture — but it doesn't feel false. You believe the mother is just trying to brighten up her daughter's gloomy apartment, to bring life into it.

Galiana's performance is deceptively simple. The mother is a stoic, who has put up with a lifetime of abuse from Maria's father. On her daily visit to see him at the hospital, she comes into his room with her face set in an impassive mask. She's hopeful because that is her nature, but she's also hesitant, because she knows his moods. He looks up and snarls "Stupid old woman." Galiana is so good that we feel her wince, even though there's no change in her expression.

Maria is estranged from her father, although it's never clear exactly why. It may be because she chose to leave their village to come to the city. Certainly he was abusive, hitting her and her siblings, as well as her mother. And he was, and probably still is, a drunk, a trait he's passed on to Maria. She's got a huge tab at the local bar and a regular habit of stealing bottles of whiskey from the bartender, a decent sort who has a crush on her, despite the regular tongue lashings she gives him. Her quasi-boyfriend, Juan, who has gotten her pregnant and told her to have an abortion, tells her "to be a mother, you have to be a woman. You're half woman, half alcohol."

For Maria though, the real problem is coming to grips with her own lineage. Is she half her mother, half her horrible father? Clearly she thinks she's all him, and hates herself for it. "Solas" never ranges far geographically — from Maria's sketchy neighborhood to the hospital and back is as far as it goes — but it takes us along on Maria's far-reaching journey to discovering the good in herself.

Fighting loneliness

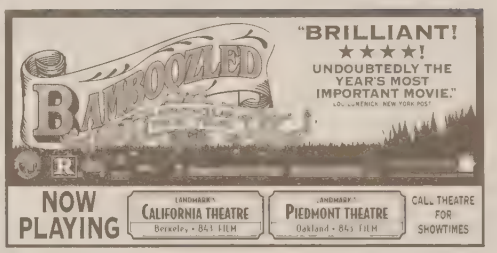
An essential element on that journey is the relationship the mother establishes with Maria's elderly neighbor (Alvarez-Novoa). He too is alone, except for his faithful companion, Achilles the German Shepherd. Accustomed to the friendly way of life in the country, the mother treats the neighbor as just that, bringing him food and caring for him when he gets sick one night. He is so lonely, and she is so unappreciated that they come together and perhaps even fall in love a little.

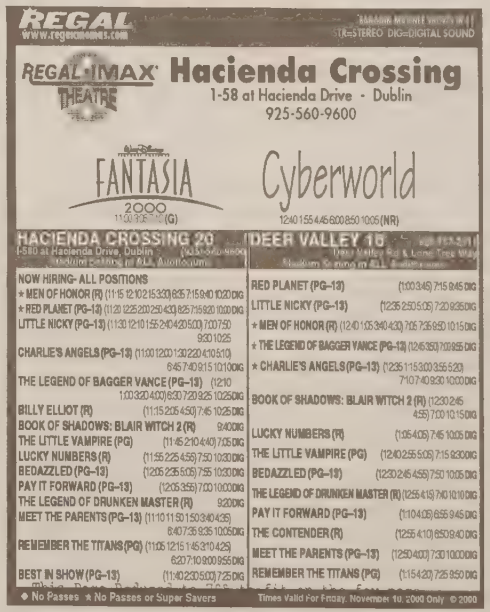
Alvarez-Novoa has beseeching eyes and a courtly manner about him, as does the dog. They are an enticing pair; you may well root for the mother to run off with them. There's a scene where the old man waits for the mother to arrive from the hospital, and he sets himself up with wine and cheese in front of the window, watching with eager eyes. His longing for companionship is tragically real; watching him, you ache for the many people who are like him.

But this is not a bleak movie, because the mother has left Maria with the tools for redemption and the old man with a way out of loneliness. "Solas" leaves us with a poignant and moving message about opening one's self up to new and unusual possibilities, including finding family outside bloodlines. Slip this one in before the holiday rush.

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Solas"
- **STARRING:** Ana Fernandez, Maria Galiana, Carlos Alvarez-Novoa
- **RATING:** NR
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 38 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at the Opera Plaza, S.F.
- **GRADE:** A-







FRIDAY MOVIE GUIDE

Titles and showtimes subject to change
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Showtimes for Friday, November 10.

Alameda County

Act I & II
Center St, off Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM
- **Best in Show** (PG-13) 12:30 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45
- **Requiem for a Dream** (NR) 5:00, 7:15, 10:00

Albany Twin
Solano at San Pablo Ave., Albany 843-FILM
- **Billy Elliot** (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
- **Dancer in the Dark** (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

California Theatres
On Kittredge at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM
- **Bamboozled** (R) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20 9:40
- **Spike & Mike's Sick and Twisted Animation** (NR) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, midnight.

Century 25 Union City Union Landing ♿
32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20, 11:35.
- **Billy Elliot** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 3:50, 6:00, 8:25, 10:45
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:15, 12:45, 1:35, 2:15, 2:40, 3:10, 4:05, 4:35, 5:05, 5:35, 6:30, 6:55, 7:25, 8:00, 8:55 9:25, 9:55, 10:30, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15 a.m.
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 12:50, 1:40, 2:30, 3:55, 4:40, 5:40, 6:50, 7:40, 8:40, 9:50, 10:40, 11:30
- **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 12:25, 3:05, 5:30, 8:15, 10:35
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:25, 2:15, 3:35, 4:25, 5:45, 6:50, 7:55, 9:30, 10:05, 11:40, 12:15 a.m.
- **The Little Vampire** (PG) 12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 7:05, 9:30
- **Lucky Numbers** (R) 11:25 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45, 12:10 a.m.
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 12:40, 1:55, 2:40, 3:25, 4:20, 5:10, 6:20, 6:55, 7:40, 8:45, 9:25, 10:10, 11:25, midnight
- **Men of Honor** (R) 11:20 a.m., 1:20, 2:25, 4:15, 5:25, 7:25, 8:30, 10:25, 11:20
- **Pay it Forward** (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:55, 5:55, 7:30, 8:20, 10:15, 10:45
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 12:10, 1:50, 2:45, 4:30, 5:20, 7:00, 8:05, 9:35, 10:40, 12:05 a.m.

Chabot Cinema
2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

Elmwood
2966 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
- **The Broken Hearts Club** (R) 5:15, 7:15, 9:25
- **Dr. T and The Women** (R) 7:05.
- **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) 9:15.
- **Girl on the Bridge** (R) 5:00, 9:20
- **Girlfight** (R) 7:00.
- **Saving Grace** (R) 5:05

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley ♿
2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143
- **Breaking the Bank: A Challenge to the IMF & World Bank** (NR) 8:40.
- **Showdown in Seattle: Five Days that Shook the WTO** (NR) 7:30.
- **Tragos** (NR) 10:30

Grand Lake Theater
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:15.
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.
- **Men of Honor** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45.
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30

Jack London Cinema ♿
100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1320
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40.
- **Best in Show** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30.
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:55.
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:35, 10:15.
- **Men of Honor** (R) 10:30 a.m., 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25.
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:35, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50.
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 10:40 a.m., 1:15, 3:50, 7:50, 10:35

Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward ♿
19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15.
- **The Contender** (R) 12:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40.
- **The Little Vampire** (PG) noon, 2:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10.
- **Men of Honor** (R) 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30.
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 1:50, 2:30, 4:45, 5:15, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20.
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45.

NAZ 8 ♿
39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000
- **Kurukshetra** (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00
- **Mission Kashmir** (NR) 5:00, 9:00, 7, 11
- **Mohabbatein** (NR) 5:00, 10:00, 2:30, 7, 11:30
- **Priyamanavalae** (NR) 9:30
- **Tamil Movie** (NR) 1:30, 5:30
- **Telugu Movie** 9:00

Oaks Theater ♿
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 7:30, 9:30.
- **The Contender** (R) 7:30, 9:30

Piedmont Theatre
Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 843-FILM
- **Bamboozled** (R) 5:30, 8:30
- **Billy Elliot** (R) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35
- **The Contender** (R) 4:00, 6:45, 9:20

Shattuck Cinemas ♿
On Shattuck at Kittredge, Berkeley 843-FILM
- **Almost Famous** (R) 1:20, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
- **Just One Time** (NR) 12:35, 2:45, 5:05, 7:15, 9:55
- **The Little Vampire** (PG) 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30
- **Nurse Betty** (R) 1:00, 3:40, 6:50, 9:25
- **Place Vendome** (NR) 2:00, 7:05
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:35, 10:00
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 1:35, 4:05, 6:40, 9:10
- **Shampoo** (NR) 7:00, 9:30
- **Solas** (NR) 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40
- **Two Family House** (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 9:50
- **The Yards** (R) 4:40, 9:35.

UA Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:05, 10:00
- **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:30
- **Men of Honor** (R) 12:55, 4:15, 7:20, 10:20

UA Emerybay 10
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 420-0107
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 8:20, 10:20
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:10, 3:50, 7:15, 9:40
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 1:20, 4:00, 7:10, 9:50, 12:30 a.m.,
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 10:40 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15, 12:30 a.m
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 10:55 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, 12:15 a.m.,
- **Men of Honor** (R) 10:45 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
- **Pay it Forward** (PG-13) 4:50, 7:50, 10:40.
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20, 12:30 a.m.,
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 8:10, 10:45

UA Hayward 6
24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30.
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:25, 7:30 9:40
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
- **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) noon, 2:10, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10.
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 1:40, 3:45, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15.
- **Pay it Forward** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00

UC Theatre ♿
University Avenue between Milvia Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM
- **Shampoo** (NR) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30.

Tri-Valley

Hacienda Crossings 20
5000 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin 560-9600
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:55, 10:30
- **Best in Show** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:25.
- **Billy Elliot** (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:25
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 9:40
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., noon, 1:30, 2:20, 4:10, 5:10, 6:45, 7:40, 9:15, 10:10.
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 12:10, 1:00, 3:20, 4:00, 6:30, 7:20, 9:25, 10:25
- **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 9:20
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:10, 1:55, 2:40, 4:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:25.
- **The Little Vampire** (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:05.
- **Lucky Numbers** (R) 11:55 a.m., 2:25, 4:55, 7:50, 10:30
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 1:50, 3:40, 4:35, 6:40, 7:35, 9:35, 10:05.
- **Men of Honor** (R) 11:15 a.m., 12:10, 2:15, 3:30, 6:35, 7:15, 9:40, 10:20
- **Pay it Forward** (PG-13) 12:05, 3:55, 7:00, 10:00.
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 12:25, 2:00, 2:50, 4:30, 6:25, 7:15, 9:20, 10:00
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:05 a.m., 12:15, 1:45, 3:10, 4:25, 6:20, 7:10, 9:00, 9:55

Hacienda Crossings IMAX
5000 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin 560-9600
- **Cyberworld** (G) 12:40, 1:55, 4:45, 6:00, 8:50, 10:05.
- **Fantasia 2000** (G) 11:00 a.m., 3:05, 7:10.

Vine Cinema
First & South D Streets, Livermore 447-2545
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 5:15, 7:45

Tracy

Tracy 14
3300 N. Naglee Road, Tracy (209)833-8880
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35.
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 12:45, 5:05, 7:25, 10:00
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 1:50, 2:25, 4:15, 5:10, 6:55, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30
- **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45
- **The Little Vampire** (PG) 1:35, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:30, 10:05
- **Men of Honor** (R) 1:40, 2:20, 4:25, 4:55, 7:05, 7:35, 9:50, 10:15
- **Pay it Forward** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 2:30, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35.
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55

Central Contra Costa

Blackhawk Movies 7
4175 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville 736-0368
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 7:50, 10:30.
- **The Contender** (R) 1:50, 7:40.
- **Dr. T and The Women** (R) 11:05 a.m., 4:30, 10:10.
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:20
- **The Little Vampire** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:50
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 1:45, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
- **Men of Honor** (R) 11:00 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:35, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

Brenden Concord 14
1985 Willow Pass Rd - corner Willow Pass & Galindo, Concord 677-0450
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 6:30, 7:50, 8:50, 10:30
- **Best in Show** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:10.
- **Billy Elliot** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 12:10, 1:10, 2:40, 3:30, 4:10, 5:40, 7:10, 8:40, 10:10.
- **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 12:40, 3:00, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30
- **The Little Vampire** (PG) noon, 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40.
- **Men of Honor** (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 9:50.
- **Pay it Forward** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 12:10, 1:50, 2:40, 4:20, 5:10, 6:50, 7:40, 9:30, 10:20
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:00.

Century 5 Pleasant Hill
Fwy 680, Monument Blvd - Pleasant Hill 687-1100
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- **The Contender** (R) 12:20, 3:10, 7:40, 10:20.
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:25, 2:30, 3:35, 5:00, 5:45, 7:30, 8:10, 10:00, 10:30
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20

Contra Costa 5
555 Center Ave (Off Hwy 4), Martinez 228-9980
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30.
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:35, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00.
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55.
- **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45.

Crow Canyon 6
2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon 820-4831
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30.
- **Best in Show** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35.
- **Billy Elliot** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) noon, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40.
- **Pay it Forward** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15.

Festival Walnut Creek
1450 N. California Blvd, Walnut Creek 934-8649
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 10:55 a.m., 1:40, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10.
- **Men of Honor** (R) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 10:05.
- **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00.
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30.
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:35 a.m., 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45.

Orinda Theater
4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9060
- **Best in Show** (PG-13) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00.
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45.
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 6:30, 9:00.

Park Theater
3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
- **Billy Elliot** (R) 7:00, 9:30

Rheem All-Stadium 4 ♿
350 Park Street, Moraga 388-3411
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 5:00, 7:35, 9:45
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 4:45, 7:00, 9:00
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

East Contra Costa

Brenden Pittsburg 16 ♿
4085 Century Blvd., Pittsburg 706-1222
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 8:00, 10:10
- **Billy Elliot** (R) 11:20 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:50, 4:00, 5:20, 6:30, 7:50, 9:00, 10:20
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m. 1:00, 2:30, 3:50, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00
- **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 7:10, 9:30
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 12:10, 1:10, 2:40, 3:30, 4:50, 5:40, 7:20, 8:10, 9:30 10:20
- **The Little Vampire** (PG) 11:50 a.m., 2:10, 4:30
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
- **Men of Honor** (R) 11:20 a.m., 12:50, 2:30, 3:50, 5:30, 7:00, 8:40, 10:00
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 1:20, 2:20, 4:00, 5:00, 6:40, 7:30, 9:10, 10:10
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 12:50, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30

New Delta Cinema ♿
641 First Street at Oak Street, Brentwood 240-7335
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

Regal Deer Valley Plaza 16 ♿
4204 Lone Tree Way, Antioch 757-2111
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 4:55, 7:50, 10:05
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 12:30, 2:45, 4:55 7:00, 10:15
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 12:35, 1:15, 3:00, 3:55, 5:20 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00
- **The Contender** (R) 12:55, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:50 7:00 9:55
- **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 12:55, 4:15, 7:40, 10:10
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35
- **The Little Vampire** (PG) 12:40, 2:55, 5:05, 7:15, 9:30
- **Lucky Numbers** (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:45, 10:05
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 12:50, 4:00, 7:30, 10:00
- **Men of Honor** (R) 12:40, 1:05, 3:40, 4:30, 7:05, 7:35, 9:50, 10:15
- **Pay It Forward** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:05, 6:55, 9:45
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:15, 9:45
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 1:15, 4:20, 7:25, 9:50

West Contra Costa

Century 10 Pinole ♿
I-80/Appian Way, Pinole 222-8030
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 12:35, 2:45, 4:50 7:10, 9:15
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 12:30, 1:50, 3:00 4:15, 5:35, 6:45, 8:00, 9:20, 10:15
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:40, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 10:00
- **The Little Vampire** (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:15, 9:40
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 12:25, 2:55, 5:30, 7:55 10:20
- **Men of Honor** (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10.
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:25
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:25, 9:50

Solano County

AMC Vallejo Plaza 6 ♿
3465 Sonoma Blvd, Vallejo 645-8800
- **Bedazzled** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:20, 4:45, 7:00, 9:35.
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:40 7:50, 9:50
- **The Contender** (R) 1:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
- **Little Nicky** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30.
- **The Little Vampire** (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:30, 7:40, 9:40
- **Remember the Titans** (PG) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

Century Cinedome 8 Vallejo ♿
1180 Admiral, Vallejo 648-2122
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 1:00, 2:00, 3:20, 4:30, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20.
- **The Legend of Bagger Vance** (PG-13) 12:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10.
- **The Legend of Drunken Master** (R) 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40.
- **Lucky Numbers** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50
- **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) noon, 2:40, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05
- **Men of Honor** (R) 12:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
- **Red Planet** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

San Francisco

AMC 1000 Van Ness ♿
1000 Van Ness, San Francisco (415)922-4AMC
- **Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2** (R) 2:10, 3:55, 5:25, 7:45
- **Charlie's Angels** (PG-13) 1:10, 2:00, 4:15, 5:10, 7:05, 7:55, 9:45, 10:40, 12:15 a.m.,
- **The Contender** (R) 1:05, 7:15,
- The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13) 5:05 7:20 8:10 10:10 11:10
- Bamboozled (R) 1:30 4:20 7:20 10:2
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 2:30 5:00 7:50 9:30 10:25 11:15
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- Men of Honor (R) 1:00 1:50 4:05 4:55 7:10 10:20 11:05
- Pay it Forward (PG-13) 1:40 4:40 7:40
- Remember the Titans (PG-13) 2:40 5:10 8:00
- Resistance (NR) 10:30
- Wonder Boys (R, 1:45, 4:50 7:25 10:0

AMC Kabuki 8
1881 Post St. San Francisco (415)922-4AM
- Bamboozled (R) 1:30 4:20 7:20 10:2
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 2:15 4:40 7:
- The Contender (R) 1:40 4:40
- The Legend of Drunken Master
- Little Nicky (PG-13) 2:05 4:50 7:30 10:2
- Lucky Numbers (R) 1:50 5:00 7:40 10:4
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 1:45 4
- Men of Honor (R) 1:35 4:25 7:25
- Spike & Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival (NR) 12:15 a.m.
- The Yards (R) 2:00 4:35 7:15 10:15

Bridge
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco
- Dancer in the Dark (R) 1:30 4:0

Castro Theatre ♿
Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco
- Rififi (NR) 1:30 4:15 7:00 9:35

Clay
2261 Fillmore St., San Francisco (415)346-0
- Billy Elliot (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45,

Embarcadero
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415)
- Best in Show (PG-13) noon, 2:15, 4:30, 7:
- 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
- The Broken Hearts Club (R) 12:40, 3:00, 5:
- 10:10
- Requiem for a Dream (NR) 12:10, 2:30, 5:
- 10:15
- Two Family House (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 9:

Lumiere
1572 California St., San Francisco (415)
- Barbara King (NR) noon, 2:20, 4:5
- Just One Time (NR) 12:40, 2:50, 5
- A Room For Romeo Brass (R) 12:50, 2:
- 9:40

Opera Plaza Cinemas
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco (41
- Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the
- Kindertransport (PG) 1:00, 4:00,
- Place Vendome (NR) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
- Solas (NR) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55
- Urbania (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

Red Vic
1727 Haight St., San Francisco (415)668-3994
- Bittersweet Motel (NR) 7:15, 9:15

Roxie
3117 16th St., San Francisco (415)863-1087
- Wonderwall (1969) (NR) 7:00, 9:15, 11:3

Sony Metreon
101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200
- Bedazzled (PG-13) 12:20, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2 (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:55, 10:30
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 1:50, 2:40, 5:30, 7:00, 8:20, 10:10, 11:10, 12:40 a.m.,
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- Men of Honor (R) 11:05 a.m., 1:15, 2:30, 4:00, 7:10, 9:00, 11:50
- Pay it Forward (PG-13) 12:40, 4:00, 7:
- Red Planet
- Remember the Titans

Sony Metreon IMAX
- Cyberworld
- Fantasia 2000
- The Matrix (R) 11:
- Wild California

UA Galaxy
- Almost Famous (R)
- Non-Stop (NR) 11:
- Red Planet
- A Time For Drunken Horses (NR) 3:30

Dublin

Century Solano Drive-Ins 1 & 2

Now Playing

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are: Chuck Barney, Vera H-C Chan, Karen Hershenson and Mary Pols, Times; Ted Anthony, Robert W. Butler, Phoebe Flowers, Chris Hewitt, J. Monaghan, Robert Philpot, Steven Rea and Renee Rodriguez, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Matt Crenson, Chris Goyens, Hillel Italie, Michael Kuchwara, Christy Lemire, Sheila Norman-Culp, Malcolm Ritter and Bob Thomas, Associated Press, Michael Saunders, Boston Globe, John Anderson, Bob Heisler and Gene Seymour, Newsday; Anita Gates, Lawrence Van Gelder, Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Janet Maslin, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kenneth Turan, Kevin Thomas and Charles Solomon, Los Angeles Times; Henry Sheehan, Orange County Register; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; John Hartl, Seattle Times, Roger Ebert, Universal Press Syndicate; Gary Dowell, Nancy Churnin and Tom Sime, Dallas Morning News; and Desson Howe, Washington Post



BOOK ENDS: Katie Holmes, left, and Michael Douglas, right, support a budding, but currently inebriated novelist, played by Tobey Maguire in "Wonder Boys."

OPENING TODAY

"JUST ONE TIME" (NR)
A comedy about turning fantasy into reality. Before Anthony marries Amy, he wants her to fulfill his fantasy of a menage a trios with another woman. When she turns the tables and tries to bring a gay male friend into their bed, he balks.

"LITTLE NICKY" (PG-13)
Adam Sandler's parents are the devil and an angel, and he is one messed-up mischief-maker. With Harvey Keitel, Patricia Arquette, Dana Carvey and Rodney Dangerfield.

"MEN OF HONOR" (R)
A true tale of the first African-American master diver in the U.S. Navy, played by Cuba Gooding Jr. Robert De Niro is the rebellious senior officer who first challenges him, then befriends him.

"NON-STOP" (NR)
Japanese release from 1996 about a bank robber, a shopkeeper and a member of an important gang brought together by chance. They start a foot race that keeps going and going. In fact, it's nonstop.

"RED PLANET" (PG-13)
Earth is dying, Mars must be colonized. A group of astronauts, led by Carrie-Anne Moss ("The Matrix") go to Mars to investigate a malfunctioning robot and discover that Mars isn't uninhabited after all. With Val Kilmer

"RIFIFI" (NR)
Rerelease of a classic 1955 French noir movie about a robbery, with a new 35 mm print and new subtitles. Directed by blacklisted Hollywood director Jules Dassin, who won the best director award at Cannes.

"SOLAS" (NR)
Nominated for 11 Goya awards (the Spanish version of Oscars), "Solas" is the story of a simple country woman who comes to stay with her bitter daughter in an unnamed Spanish city. Together, they find love and redemption.

"ALMOST FAMOUS": Director Cameron Crowe's semi-autobiographical "Almost Famous" is a tender, rambling movie, so soaked in 1970s nostalgia that those who grew up in that era will most likely fall hard for it. Whether its considerable charms will sway other generations is less certain. It's Crowe's most personal movie to date, looking back on his days as a ludicrously young writer for Rolling Stone. Patrick Fugit plays the 15-year-old Crowe character, hitting the road with fictional band Stillwater. The movie lacks focus, maybe because Crowe resists handing viewers a full-blown ego trip by making the movie about the boy genius reporter. That main flaw keeps "Almost Famous" from being a great movie, but it doesn't stop it from being a very good movie, filled with splendid performances, many funny moments and strong writing. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality and language.) 2 hours. **B+**

"BAMBOOZLED": A stiff, Harvard-educated black writer (Damon Wayans) creates a television minstrel show to defy his racist boss, and to his horror and pleasure, the show becomes a hit. While Wayans sticks to caricature, he is flanked by an excellent cast, including Jada Pinkett-Smith and Savion Glover. The film starts off as hysterically satirical, then the satire becomes a little more ham-fisted, but it's worth the effort (and director Spike Lee always leaves one thinking). — V. Chan. (R: language and violence.) 2 hours, 16 minutes. **B**

"BEDAZZLED": A remake of the 1967 Dudley Moore classic. In an inspired bit of casting, the devil is a woman (Elizabeth Hurley) dressed to the nines in vivid reds and ready to have some naughty fun. There's great relish in the way Hurley takes on her latest victim, Elliot Richards (Brendan Fraser), a software geek from San Francisco who is willing to sell his soul to win the love of an attractive coworker (Frances O'Connor). "Bedazzled" is lightweight fare, really just a series of linked but very funny skits. It's the kind of movie you'd be delighted to see on a long airplane ride. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sex-related humor, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **B-**

"BEST IN SHOW": Creativity runs wild in this mockumentary from Christopher Guest, who also brought us the hilarious "Waiting for Guffman." The formula may be a little less fresh this time out, but Guest's wit is just as sharp. This time he explores the world of competitive dog shows. Guest simultaneously mocks human behavior while offering us insights into ourselves, no mean feat. Virtually the entire cast from "Guffman" is back, improvising like crazy, not to mention doing some fine comic acting. With Eugene Levy, Parker Posey and Catherine O'Hara. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language and sexual material.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **A-**

"BILLY ELLIOT": An inspirational charmer about a poor boy who prefers ballet to boxing. The incredibly talented newcomer Jamie Bell plays Billy, the son of a coal miner in northeast England. Set during an actual miners strike that took place in 1984, the movie follows Billy in his quest to be a dancer, as well as the trials and tribulations of his father (the excellent Gary Lewis) and brother as they weather the strike. If you think you've seen this movie before in some other form ("Flashdance" comes to mind), don't let it stop you from going. There's a richness to its portrayal of masculinity and relationships that's rare in movies, and well worth treasuring. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **A-**

"BOOK OF SHADOWS: BLAIR WITCH 2": So bad it makes its overrated predecessor look like a masterpiece of subtlety and simplicity. For every step "Blair Witch Project" took forward, this sequel takes a step back onto the terra firma of horror movies: loud, scary music; abundant corpses; mysterious visions; knives plunging into bodies; even an owl giving the camera the hairy eyeball. The gag this time is that a group of fans go into the woods on a tour of the original movie's locations. They get drunk, black out and discover later that something happened while they were "passed out." So what. — M. Pols. (R: graphic violence, nudity, some sexuality.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **D**

"THE BROKEN HEARTS CLUB — A Romantic Comedy": A lively and engaging independent feature that's essentially a sharply observed yet humorous critique of the values of the gay world of West Hollywood. Tart dialogue, deft characterizations and finely tuned ensemble performances from a hunky cast make this move about a group of friends going through their romantic pangs an accessible delight. Timothy Olyphant, Zach Braff, Matt McGrath, Dean Cain and John Mahoney star. — K. Thomas. (R: language, drug use and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **B**

"CHARLIE'S ANGELS": A movie that brings to mind the term "the height of absurdity." It's truly absurd, but so buoyant that it rises to heights — heights of silly charm and sweet camp. Not exactly a remake of the classic jiggle-fest 1970s series but rather an "updating," with three new Angels working for good old Charlie in the year 2000: Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu. Bill Murray plays their sidekick Bosley. The plot is stupid, the girls are lovely and as long as you aren't looking for high art, you'll have a good time. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action violence, innuendo and some sensuality/nudity) 1 hour, 32 minutes. **B**

"THE CONTENDER": An elegant, fast-paced political thriller from writer/director Rod Lurie. "The Contender" is completely biased in favor of Democrats, but its partisanship shouldn't deter from its intense watchability. Smoothly plotted and layered with surprises; you might well figure out one or two of its mysteries along the way, but you'll still be guessing until its final moments. Jam-packed with excellent, Oscar-caliber performances, from Joan Allen as vice presidential candidate Laine Hanson and Jeff Bridges as President Jackson Evans to Gary Oldman as a villainous congressman out to get them both. The supporting actors, including Sam Elliott and William Petersen, are so good, they make the cast of "The West Wing" look ordinary — M. Pols. (R: language and sexuality.) 2 hours, 12 minutes. **A-**

"CYBERWORLD": This latest IMAX release offers 55 minutes of unabashed, and often quite diverting, technological overkill. It combines the skull-rattling, eyeball-straining gigantism of the IMAX format with 3-D computer animation. Very clever and thrilling, the best part comes near the end when we're thrust into the living room belonging to America's most beloved four-fingered cartoon characters, the Simpsons. — A.O. Scott. (G) 55 minutes. **B+**

"DANCER IN THE DARK": Bound to produce a strong reaction from audiences, the latest from Danish director Lars von Trier ("Breaking the Waves") returns to what seems to be his favorite theme: a woman who sacrifices needlessly for the man she loves. Icelandic pop star Björk takes the Emily Watson role, playing a factory worker who is going blind from a genetic disease. She puts aside every penny for an operation to save her son's sight. Things take a dire turn when her neighbor steals her savings. With several long, pretentiously arty musical numbers. Björk is very good, but go only if you're very curious or relish arguing with your friends. — M. Pols. (R: some violence.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. **C**

"DR. T & THE WOMEN": There's something very creepy about director Robert Altman's story of a gynecologist (Richard Gere) so devastatingly handsome and kind that the women of Dallas flock to his office for pelvic exams. Pegged as an ensemble piece starring blonde women almost entirely (Farrah Fawcett as Dr. T's wife, Kate Hudson and Tara Reid as his daughters, Laura Dern as his sister-in-law, Helen Hunt as his girlfriend and so on), the movie feels more like a bad day at sorority rush. Occasionally tasteless and generally disappointing. — M. Pols. (R: graphic nudity and some sexuality.) 2 hours, 2 minutes. **C**

"GIRLFIGHT": A movie with real heart and soul. The main character, a surly high school student named Diana Guzman, has what the experts would call an anger management problem. She also has a sharp tongue, a permanent scowl and a deadly right hook. Surprising, then, that spending two hours with her is such a joy. But it is. And most of the credit belongs to screen newcomer Michelle Rodriguez, whose portrayal of a young woman from Brooklyn who finds herself through boxing is so vivid and natural, it makes you rethink your expectations about acting. She might well be this year's Hillary Swank. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 2 hours, 2 minutes. **A-**

"LEGEND OF BAGGER VANCE": A golf movie from director Robert Redford, starring Matt Damon as a formerly great golfer traumatized by his experiences in World War I. Will Smith plays the caddie who materializes out of nowhere to help him "get his swing back." Undeniably beautiful — Redford has done a great job bringing Depression-era Savannah to life — but far too relentless in its pursuit of movie magic. Think of it as "Driving Mr. Damon." Charlize Theron plays Damon's love interest, mincing through the movie with way too much Scarlett in her O'Hara. — M. Pols. (PG-13 for some sexual content) 2 hours, 7 minutes. **C-**

"LEGEND OF DRUNKEN MASTER": This dubbed rerelease of the 1994 Hong Kong production shows that Jackie Chan certainly has the moves. As folk hero Wong Fei Hung, Chan becomes entangled in misadventures that begin with ginseng roots and historical artifacts. The comic mugging lasts far too long in the first half, despite a cast of legendary Hong Kong

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Here's the breakdown on our rating system:

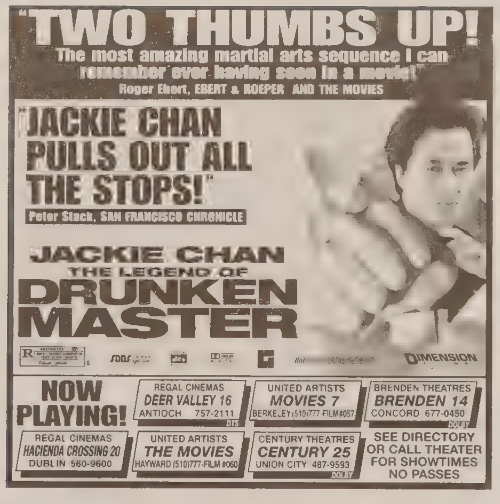
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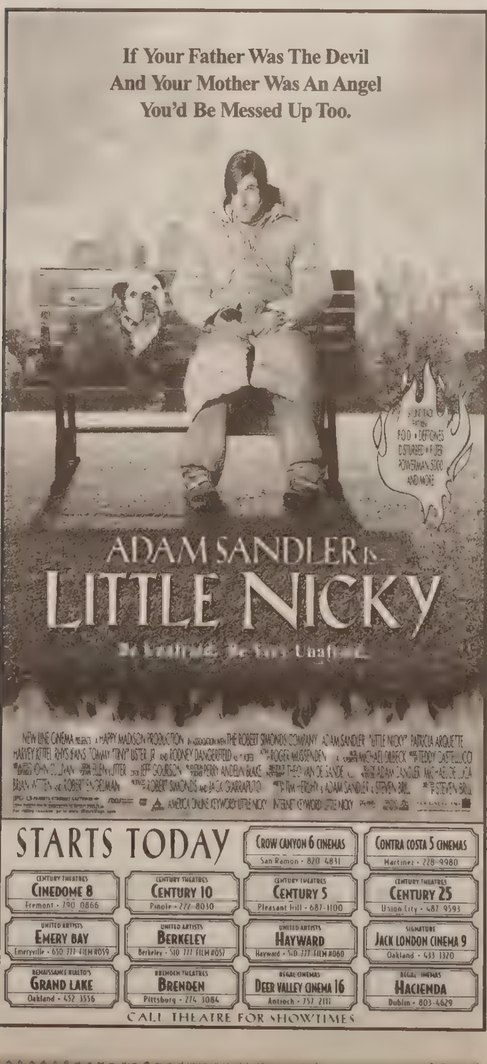
B: Better than most

C: Bland and ordinary

D: In the land of duh

F: A festering wound





NOW PLAYING

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talent. It's hard to quibble, though, with a surfeit of silliness and lack of plot when so much has been invested in the formidable martial arts displays. The wood alcohol-fueled steel mill showdown will impress, but look for the under-the-train exchange between Chan and co-director Lau Kar Leung. — V. Chan. (R: violence.) 1 hour, 41 minutes **B-**

"THE LITTLE VAMPIRE": Parents beware. This is one of the silliest movies being marketed to kids this year. "The Little Vampire" tells the story of a lonely American boy ("Jerry Maguire's" Jonathan Lipnicki) in Scotland who's mistaken as a vampire by the real thing, a hungry vampire boy The two strike up a friendship, and the predictable unfolds. The film is charming at times, but more often than not it makes little sense. — N. Churnin. (PG: mild violence and flying red-eyed cows.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **D**

"LUCKY NUMBERS": Darker than the usual Nora Ephron fare, this caper movie is sharper and funnier than one might expect from the director who brought us "You've Got Mail." Sparing us his usual shtick, John Travolta plays an endearing dolt who rigs the Pennsylvania state lottery with his girlfriend (Lisa Kudrow). Predictable trouble ensues when everyone they know claims a cut of the jackpot. Kudrow is just playing a mean version of Phoebe Buffay, but she's very funny. Still, you can wait for the video. — M. Pols. (R language, some sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **C+**

"MEET THE PARENTS": Nothing goes right for poor Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) when he meets his girlfriend Pam's (Teri Polo) parents. Dad, Robert De Niro, a retired CIA psychological profiler, treats him like a KGB spy, and fake-friendly Mom (Blythe Danner) isn't much better. The plot is predictable and at times heavy-handed, but far funnier than you'd expect, with just the right note of menace mixed in. Stiller proves once again that he's a comic gem. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, drug references and language.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **B+**

"NURSE BETTY": The best movie about a sweet, lost girl from Kansas and her wanderings since "The Wizard of Oz." It's also one of the best movies of the year, a deliriously odd and funny movie that manages to be dark and cheering at the same time. Could this really be the work of controversial director Neil LaBute, who brought us those bits of nastiness "In the Company of Men" and "Your Friends & Neighbors"? Apparently so. What's different is that he's working from someone else's script, so there's actually room to like these characters. Renee Zellweger plays Betty, a waitress at the Tip Top diner in Fair Oaks, Kansas, who has a dead husband, a pair of hit men on her trail (Morgan Freeman and Chris Rock), a serious infatuation with a soap opera star (Greg Kinnear) and a case of mental trauma that makes her believe he's real and they belong together. — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, pervasive language and a scene of sexuality.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. **A**

"PAY IT FORWARD": So jammed with past Oscar-winners and nominees that there's almost something unseemly about it; it's jockeying so hard for Best Picture 2000. But it doesn't deserve it. Based on the compulsively readable but trashy novel by Catherine Ryan Hyde, it tells the story of a schoolteacher (Kevin Spacey) who gives his students an assignment to change the world. Haley Joel Osment plays the kid who takes him up on it, with an idea to "pay forward" favors to strangers. Helen Hunt is his alcoholic mother, a casino worker who dresses like Erin Brockovich. Osment out-acts Hunt and Spacey, but the story is so manipulative, it's a turn-off. — M. Pols. (PG-13: mature thematic elements, including substance abuse, sexual situations, language and brief violence.) 2 hours. **B-**

"PLACE VENDOME": Catherine Deneuve is luminous as always in this richly textured thriller packed with so many criminals and amatory betrayals that Deneuve's alcoholic widow of a highly regarded diamond dealer can hardly sort them out. A charmer from Deneuve's past returns, setting off a series of events that involve diamonds and betrayals. — J. Carr. (NR) 1 hour, 57 minutes. **A-**

"REMEMBER THE TITANS": Someone should really let that Presidential Commission on Race Relations know that the secret to dispelling racial tensions is football At least, that's what this well-intentioned but overwrought Denzel Washington movie would have us believe Based on what happened when a real high school in Alexandria, Virginia, was integrated in 1971 and white and black football players were forced to be on a team together, this highly calculated Jerry Bruckheimer production gives us football as a panacea for bigotry, all wrapped up in a squishy crowd-pleasing package. Make it a rental — M. Pols. (PG: thematic elements and some language.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. **C+**

"REQUIEM FOR A DREAM": Very, very good but hard to recommend, because watching it is such a brutal experience Adapted (barely) from the Hubert Selby, Jr novel of the same name, "Requiem" takes a hard look at drug addiction. Ellen Burstyn

[illegible] hour 42 minutes **A**

"SAVING GRACE": A light, hilarious comedy to wash away the ill effects of summer blockbusters Twice Oscar-nominated Brenda Blethyn ("Secrets & Lies," "Little Voice") leads a seamless cast of character actors She plays Grace Trevethyn, whose [illegible] husband has died and left her with a mountain of debt. Looking for a way to pay it off, the genteel Grace uses her natural talent for gardening and sets up a marijuana farm in her greenhouse. Her partner in crime is her gardener [illegible] derable hangdog charm by Craig Ferguson who also co-wrote the [illegible] the tradition of "Waking Ned Devine" "Saving Grace" takes part of its strength and charm from its setting a seaside village in Cornwall where everybody definitely knows everybody's name Easy to see why the charmer scooped up the Audience Appreciation award at Sundance 2000 — M Pols (R drug content and language.) 1 hour [illegible] minutes **A-**

"TWO FAMILY HOUSE": On the surface this independent feature is a sweet [illegible] about one man's [illegible] of limited possi[illegible] makes the struggle of th[illegible] dreamer" truly gripping [illegible] shadows a whole nation [illegible] Buddy (Michael Rispoli [illegible] intentions, but his ill-fate[illegible] tures really strike home [illegible] America at mid-century that [illegible] Levinson's Baltimore films in [illegible] iniscence. — M Crenson [illegible] and brief sexuality.) 1 hour, 44 minutes [illegible]

"URBANIA": Popular urban legends [illegible] through this audacious new independent film by first-time director Jon Shear [illegible] ing from a play, Shear has managed to combine dark comedy, seriously creepy cityscapes and a compelling gay love story. Charlie (Dan Futterman) is haunted by subliminal flashes of a tattooed stra[illegible] and sudden bursts of street violence [illegible] film progresses as we — the audience — emerge from the haze of Charlie's scr[illegible] bled, grief-ridden recollections The res[illegible] an ending that is as heartrending as it is mind-messing. — G Lovell (NR: could be rated R for violence, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes **A**

"WOMAN ON TOP": Cheerful piffle with little going for it but the amazing lo[illegible] of Spanish actress Penelope Cruz. She plays a Brazilian chef who catches her husband cheating on her and runs away to San Francisco to start fresh. A local producer with a crush offers her a local cooking show, and soon she's a star. She still pines for hubby, though so she co[illegible] up a little black magic to rid herself of [illegible] for him. Unfortunately, he turns up [illegible] ing love songs and [illegible] His charm is force-fed, [illegible] Feminists will probably [illegible] ending, but the biggest [illegible] aren't even any good [illegible] (R: sexuality.) 1 hour, [illegible] **C-**

"THE YARDS": Slow and [illegible] movie has a lot going for it [illegible] great cast (Mark Wahlberg, Joaquin Phoenix, Faye Dunaway, James Caan, Ellen Burstyn, Charlize Theron) [illegible] hampered by a script that [illegible] and never sheds enough [illegible] and mind of its hero [illegible] Leo Handler, fresh out of [illegible] on the straight and narrow But [illegible] right back into trouble with his [illegible] (Phoenix) a corrupt player in New [illegible] transit system Unfortunately, there [illegible] enough life in either [illegible] the [illegible] make us really care about his [illegible] Pols (R language, brief nudity, s[illegible] lence.) 1 hour 56 minutes **C+**

Movie picks

Movie reviews from around the nation

	Contra Costa Times	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N Y Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	Seattle Times
"Bamboozled" (R)	■	■	●	▼	●	■	■
"Best in Show" (PG-13)	■	■	■	▼	■	■	■
"Billy Elliot" (R)	★	★	■		★	■	■
"Blair Witch 2" (R)	●	▼	▼	●	●	▼	●
"Charlie's Angels" (PG-13)	■	■	▼	■		▼	
"Dancer in the Dark" (R)	▼	★	★	★		▼	■
"Dr. T & the Women" (R)	▼	■	▼	■	■	▼	■
"Legend of Bagger" (PG-13)	▼	■	■	▼		▼	
"Lucky Numbers" (R)	■	▼	■	▼	▼	▼	●
"Pay It Forward" (PG-13)	▼	■	▼	▼	▼	▼	■

★ **Brilliant** ■ **Good** ▼ **Weak** ● **Bomb**

MOVIES



A BOY plays the violin on a "Kindertransport" (children's train), as shown in the film "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport."

From Nazi Europe to safety: stories of the Kindertransport

By Desson Howe
THE WASHINGTON POST

For the 10,000 Jewish children shipped to England during World War II, the price of freedom was trauma: loss of their families, friends and lives, and the death of their innocence.

In the fluidly edited, subtle "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport," those young heads have now turned gray. The faces are wrinkled. But the memories burn bright. They remember the day their parents bade them farewell for the last time, promising reunions, begging them to write, telling them everything would be fine.

"Every parent promised their child, 'We will soon come and follow,' " recalls surviving child Bertha Leverton, who started off in a Polish-German family in Munich. "How otherwise did the parents get the little children onto the train?"

And then the children left, at the rate of about 300 children a week, on the Kindertransport (children's train). It wouldn't be long before their parents would be boarding trains going in the opposite direction.

Hedy Epstein, a child from Kippenheim, Germany, recalls that she chided her parents, complaining they were using this English trip as a ruse to get rid of her. But as the train started moving, and she watched her parents running after her on the platform, she realized what was happening.

"I watched their faces, and tears were streaming down their cheeks. And I knew then — these people really love me. This is why they (were) sending me away."

Epstein's last communication from her parents was a September 1942 postcard from her mother, shakily written, that announced their final goodbye.

Producer Deborah Oppenheimer (whose mother was a child-survivor) and writer-director Mark Jonathan Harris (who made "The Long Way Home") have compiled a thoughtful record of this unusual chapter of the Holocaust.

The storytellers, the survivors, are succinct and restrained, their testimony augmented by a rich array of black-and-white footage. By keeping the emotions in check, the movie reaches us in far-reaching ways — by implication and subtext, as much as by direct testimony.

There are precious home movies of the good years: Jewish families celebrating birthdays at home or kids playing in parks.

And when the children get to England, we see ample records of life there: the ornate houses some lived in, the foster homes for many others, soccer games with English boys and many photographs of our aged narrators — fresh-faced and cute, but also angst-ridden. Would they ever return to the lives they left? This is writ large in every face. Of course, there are images of the Nazi era — shattered shop windows during *Kristallnacht*, Hitler Youth marching down streets and so forth. But what counts in this movie is the life spent away from all that.

Some children found homes where their guardians treated them with respect, kindness and even love. Many British guardians, it seems, were not expansively warm. And many guardians made their wards into domestic servants.

Other children, who could not be placed with families, were stuck in children's centers — an ironic, more-benevolent version of the internment camps their parents would face. Potential guardians would then pick and choose among the children. The young blond girls between 3 and 7 years old were always assured of a home, claims one survivor.

Life in England was no bed of roses. But it was life. And no other countries offered support on this level, including the United States. Approximately 10,000 children were saved from death by moving to England. Meanwhile 1.5 million children in Europe would perish.

As they grew into teen-agers or adolescents, the children kept often-irrational candles of hope burning in their hearts.

For the most part, that hope — that they'd see their parents after the war — was usually obliterated. And yet some children — as we learn — actually found their parents and started their lives again. And in those miraculous instances, a family would re-emerge from the Holocaust, shaken but together again. The movie has a wonderful conclusion, as Kurt Fuchel, born in Vienna, evaluates a life that brought him English foster parents Percy and Mariam Cohen and, after the war, a reunion with his parents in France. He was 16 then. They had not seen him since he was 7. He was a changed person. But eventually, all came to realize, he was still their son. In some cases, we are reminded, the forces of good were successful.

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport"
- **RATING:** PG (emotionally traumatic anecdotes)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 2 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at the Opera Plaza, S.F.
- **GRADE:** A









MOVIES

Toast to a French classic

■ The 1955 noir thriller 'Rififi' was director Dassin's last grasp at rebuilding his once burgeoning career

By Loren King
BOSTON GLOBE

The 1955 French noir thriller "Rififi" ranks as one of the cinema's most celebrated and timeless gangster films. The masterful heist scene that is its centerpiece has spawned a host of copies — and continues to be imitated.

"Rififi" was noir auteur Jules Dassin's last-ditch effort to make a comeback in the movie business. The director of "Brute Force" (with Burt Lancaster in 1947) and "Naked City" (with Barry Fitzgerald in 1948) had been blacklisted in Hollywood since 1950 and had been trying, with little success, to rebuild his career in Europe. With "Rififi," Dassin perfected the gritty-but-lyrical neo-documentary style he had begun almost a decade earlier with his Hollywood noirs. A low-budget no-star vehicle, "Rififi" took the Cannes International Film Festival by storm in 1955 and was championed by a young French critic and future filmmaker named Francois Truffaut. "Out of the worst crime novel I have ever read," wrote Truffaut, "Jules Dassin has made the best Film Noir I have ever seen."

Rarely screened since its initial release, when it captivated audiences in Europe and earned Dassin the best director prize at Cannes, Dassin's masterpiece has now been rereleased.

Dassin is 88 now. He lives in Greece, where he made that country's most famous film of all time, "Never on Sunday" (1960), with Melina Mercouri, his wife and frequent leading lady. He is characteristically low-key and self-effacing about his accomplishments as director and screenwriter for "Rififi."

"It was based on a book (a slang-laden potboiler, 'Du Rififi Chez les Hommes,' by Auguste le Breton) that I didn't like very much — a rather racist piece of work. But I needed a job badly," Dassin says in a telephone interview from his home in Athens.

Dassin wrote the screenplay in six days, giving careful attention to the jewel heist that propels the action. The robbery itself takes up just 10 pages in le Breton's 250-page novel — it was a throwaway bit. In the film, the heist by the four main characters became a 30-minute classic set piece, balletic in its silence.

Dassin recalls that he and the film's composer, Georges Auric, butted heads over the silence that has since made the sequence unforgettable. Auric wanted a score for the caper scene; Dassin wanted it to unspool with only natural sound. He screened two cuts for Auric: one with the composer's score, the other Dassin's silent version. Auric agreed with the director — and one of the cinema's most acclaimed sequences was born

"'Rififi' went against the grain in many ways," says Dassin, who commanded, and got, French cinematographer Philippe Agostini to shoot the film's brooding, high-contrast white depiction of nighttime Paris. Famed production designer Alexandre Trauner, whose credits include Bunuel's "L'Age d'Or," designed the set of the nightclub in "Rififi." Director Billy Wilder's "Irma la Douce" agreed to work on the film, but Dassin also wanted — and got — objections of his producer, Henri Jean Servais to play the part of ex-convict Tony le Stephanois. Servais hadn't worked in [illegible]. He used to be a champion [illegible] (star), but he'd had a rough life, Dassin, "and he became a [illegible] looked like that character. It was wonderful to work with

To keep the payroll down, Dassin took the role of Cesar le Milanais, whose actions after the heist set off events into a downward spiral. Dassin acted under the name Perlo Vita, a name he used again. He won [illegible] that curious [illegible] will explain. It's my secret.

Dassin, the son of [illegible] ish immigrants, grew up on the streets of Harlem and the Bronx, found refuge first in the theater, then in radio, then went to MGM under contract for the astounding sum of $250 a week during the Depression. A decade later, he was branded a communist and exiled from Hollywood. His [illegible] so ruggedly iconoclastic that it's hard not to connect Dassin with [illegible]

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PROFILE

- **WHO:** Jules Dassin
- **WHAT:** Director of "Rififi"
- **RATING:** NR
- **WHERE:** Opens Friday at the Castro, S.F., and opens Nov. 17 at the UC Theatre, Berkeley

'Non-Stop' fails to go the distance

By Christy Lemire
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Despite its title, "Non-Stop" never really gets started.

On the surface, it looks like a Japanese version of "Run Lola Run," last year's 81-minute German adrenaline rush. Too bad it's not nearly as addictive or as clever. It's one minute longer, and just as much about nothing at all.

A clumsy restaurant cook named Yasuda (Tomoro Taguchi) loses his girlfriend to a much hipper dude and believes he can prove his manliness by robbing a bank. He forgets his mask, so he runs across the street to a convenience store to buy one. Once he gets there, he realizes he has no money and steals the mask.

Implausibly, this meager theft inspires the stoned, slacker convenience-store clerk, Aizawa (Diamond Yukai), to chase him through the streets of Tokyo. But midpursuit, Aizawa runs into Takeda (Shinichi Tsutsumi), the mobster to whom he owes drug money. So now Takeda is chasing Aizawa, who is chasing Yasuda. And that's pretty much the entire movie.

"Non-Stop" is the first feature film for writer-director Hiroki Tanaka, who goes by the name Sabu. He tries to add a gritty, sleazy aspect to the film with a subplot about two warring Japanese mob families and the bumbling cops trying to bring them down. However, all this does is make the film more unfocused, although it does provide one funny exchange during a stakeout:

Cop 1: Wanna arrest some dudes?
Cop 2: Who?
Cop 1: Anyone.
Cop 2: Sounds all right.

The chase itself features several small, funny moments: All three guys slow down to watch a pretty [illegible] bend down to pick up something from the sidewalk. Later, they pass through a beer-tasting booth as they were a water stop in the New York City Marathon, pouring the beer over their heads and onto their faces.

These guys probably do travel a distance of a marathon, running [illegible] day and well into the night. Somehow, no one breaks a sweat, and they all have amazing endurance, including Aizawa, who has just finished shooting up heroin before starting his pursuit of the shoplifting Yasuda.

Unlike "Run Lola Run," with its thumping techno music driving the film's pulse, Sabu plays classical music in the background. This completely undermines the pacing as does the director's shifting backward and forward in time.

All this running seems to be leading toward nothing. Eventually, you have to stop, and then what? The movie has to end, and it does in an annoying, unsatisfactory way.

"Non-Stop," originally released in 1996 with the title "Dangan Runner," is the last film in this year's [illegible] ing Gallery Film Series.

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Non-Stop"
- **STARRING:** Tomoro Taguchi, Diamond Yukai, Shinichi Tsutsumi
- **RATING:** NR (contains violence and sexual situations)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 22 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at the UA Galaxy, S.F.
- **GRADE:** C-

Rififi

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essence of film noir, with the genre's lone gangsters bound by street codes, caught up in a dirty system. "Maybe I was attracted to noir without knowing it. I was doing such silly things at MGM that as soon as I got out, I did a picture with a punch. I grew up in a tough neighborhood, so I found my beat," he says.

Just as his acclaimed noir "Night and the City" was released, in 1950, Dassin was blacklisted as Hollywood eagerly joined the McCarthy era's hunt for subversives. "When I was a young kid I was going to save the world, and I was briefly a member of the Communist Party," Dassin says of the personal history that put him in the path of the anti-Communist crusade.

Although Dassin was never called to testify before the congressional committees that were the public face of the witch hunt, he was shunned in Hollywood and his career was shattered.

"People talk about the entertainment industry, but it happened in universities, in hospitals, in academies. People were pulled out of operating rooms. We lost a generation of good people," he says. "It was awful. Friends would cross the street to avoid being photographed with someone. It was too long, too painful.

"I knew it would reach me eventually," Dassin says. "I had no work after 'Night and the City,' so I went to New York and worked in the theater, and I loved it. Then I was hired by a French company to direct a comedy with Zsa Zsa Gabor, whom they thought was a big star. I said wonderful, I wanted the job. But four or five days before shooting (Gabor) pulled out. She was told that if she worked with me, she'd never work again. Then a threat was made to the producer that if I made the film it would never be released. They did these things and people caved in. So I was out of a job and went back to New York. Good people were terrorized and they lost courage."

By 1955, Dassin was enjoying success abroad with "Rififi." He met Mercouri at Cannes that year, where "Stella" had won her a best-actress nomination but not the award. "She was on the verge of crying," Dassin recalls. "I had just met her, so I said something like, 'Come on, prizes are not important.' She said, in that tough Greek voice, 'Yeah, you got your award, so shut up.' "

They made "Never on Sunday" in 1960 for a paltry $110,000, says Dassin. "United Artists didn't think it was worth anything. But it turned out well." The film garnered Academy Award nominations for Mercouri and Dassin, and it won an Oscar for the famous title song by Manos Hadjidakis. They followed with another big hit, "Topkapi" (1964), an entertaining jewel-robbery caper that inspired (among other imitators) the TV series "Mission: Impossible."

"I miss her a lot," says Dassin of Mercouri, who died in 1994. Her own career showed the seismic effects of politics: When a military junta seized control of Greece in 1967, the outspoken Mercouri was in effect exiled. After her return, in 1974, she was elected to the Greek parliament, and she became the nation's minister of culture in 1981. "She created 12 regional theaters where none existed," says Dassin.



MARIE SABOURET and Jean Servais star in Jules Dassin's "Rififi," one of the most celebrated and timeless gangster films.

'Wonder' gets another shot at theaters

By David Germain
ASSOCIATED PRESS

There are few second chances in unforgiving Hollywood. So it's no small wonder that "Wonder Boys," an acclaimed film that died quickly at the box office early this year, is now back in theaters.

Paramount reissued the movie in eight cities Nov. 7, hoping to gradually boost the movie's commercial prospects and also remind Oscar voters about it.

The studio has substituted a more thoughtful marketing campaign for one that drew scorn from critics when the movie came out last February. That earlier campaign included a nebulous movie trailer and a poster featuring a goofy portrait of star Michael Douglas.

Playing in fairly wide release, "Wonder Boys" took in just $18.7 million the first time around.

The new ads play up the strong ensemble cast of the dark, convoluted comedy, which centers on a scruffy college professor (Douglas) with a ponderous, never-ending manuscript for a novel, and a spate of messy personal entanglements. Besides Douglas' engaging performance, "Wonder Boys" features good turns by Frances McDormand, Tobey Maguire, Robert Downey Jr. and Katie Holmes.

The new marketing approach draws heavily on comments from critics who liked the movie for its smarts and eccentric characterizations. And the new trailer highlights the soundtrack, which includes Bob Dylan's "Things Have Changed," an Oscar contender for best song.

McDormand said it was gratifying that Paramount decided to take a second crack at the movie.

"What I like politically about it is that a studio is maybe acknowledging the fact that they had a certain lack of ingenuity when it came to the promotion of the film," McDormand said. "Because I don't think they made the right choices then, and they have a chance to redeem themselves."

Director Curtis Hanson, who also made "L.A. Confidential," said the first ad campaign made "Wonder Boys" look like a lighthearted comedy.

"I understand it's not the easiest movie to sell," Hanson said. "It's not a movie that lends itself to an easy TV spot or trailer where a large section of the audience will go, yeah, an action movie, or oh, yeah, a teen comedy. This one is more complicated than that."

"Wonder Boys" might have done better with a late-summer or fall release, Hanson said. Coming out a month before the Oscars, it may have gotten lost among "American Beauty," "The Cider House Rules" and other films contending for awards and the adult audience.

Rob Friedman, vice chairman of Paramount's motion-picture group, would not concede that the studio dropped the ball on the marketing. Friedman said it was a longshot that the rerelease would catch fire.

But with Hollywood's focus on big opening weekends, it was a longshot that "Wonder Boys" would even get another shot, said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks the box office. "It's rare in Hollywood that you get a second chance for anything, unless you're George Lucas and you get to go back and retool your movie," Dergarabedian said. "This is certainly a testament to Paramount's faith in this film."

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Video

DVDs better all boxed up

■ The sleek discs make for great sets with its compactness, variety of titles and extra features

By Peter M. Nichols
NEW YORK TIMES

To all the things DVD does better than the videocassette, add the boxed set. In looks alone there is no contest. Nothing against Woody Allen, but eight cassettes of his movies in a slipcase is a carton fit for the garage. Sleek little things, DVDs won't sully a bookcase. All of the room on discs for extra features (excluding Allen's DVDs) doesn't add an inch across the shelf.

That compactness gives packagers another reason to group movies by series, stars, directors and genres and pour out boxed sets by the dozen. So far, though, that is not happening. As they did with the cassette, the studios are proceeding gradually with collections of older films on DVD. "You can't do everything at once," said Blake Thomas, a senior vice president of MGM Home Entertainment, which owns a library of about 4,100 films.

About 10 million DVD players are currently in use in the United States, but millions more need to be sold to inspire studios to reach into their libraries to put together a box of, say, Katharine Hepburns on a frequent basis. Many older films are making their way onto disc, but studios have always been careful not to throw open the vaults. MGM plans to release 30 or 40 old movies a month next year, a healthy stream but hardly a torrent. The films will be grouped by theme, but with very few exceptions they won't come by the box.

From a production standpoint, too, conditions don't favor an unregulated rush of old titles. DVDs are expensive and time-consuming to make, especially with all the extras viewers have come to expect. As has been true since the dawn of the VCR, the new takes precedence over the old. Replicators are already taxed, churning out millions of discs of films like "The Perfect Storm" and "Gladiator."

System-shaking releases

But away with the grinch. A score of sets are available as gifts, generally priced from $40 to $150. Remember that in the early days of DVD, the choices run to the big, loud and visually arresting, which, with some exceptions, work against smaller, quieter films. "DVD audiences now are male and interested in things that make their home systems vibrate," Blake said. MGM is issuing several boxes of James Bond films. The three "Lethal Weapon" movies are boxed, as are six of Clint Eastwood's and seven of Stanley Kubrick's ("The Shining," "2001: A Space Odyssey," "Lolita," "Barry Lyndon," "A Clockwork Orange," "Dr. Strangelove" and "Full Metal Jacket").





CHARLIE CHAPLIN, above, and Woody Allen, at right with Diane Keaton in "Annie Hall", both have movies available in box sets on DVD.

rts. In January, Warner will put out a box of 10 Oliver Stone films. A three-disc set stars Al Pacino, who can shake home systems all by himself.

Other releases point to the greening of the DVD set. Kino is boxing Charlie Chaplin films, and the Criterion Collection has put out three Jean Cocteaus. MGM owns most of the 30 Allen movies available on video, and plans to spread them over several boxes. The first group of eight — "Bananas," "Sleeper," "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex," "Love and Death," "Annie Hall," "Manhattan," "Interiors" and "Stardust Memories" — shows good balance among Allen eras. Range is important in any box; better to let the stronger films carry the weaker ones.

The Allen set illustrates another issue for the DVD box: how many extra features — documentaries, director and star commentaries, deleted scenes, production notes and the like — are enough. Added features can require an extra disc all to themselves, as is the case with a new four-disc set of "The Planet of the Apes" films from Fox. Terry Gilliam's "Brazil" is only one movie, but it is a controversial film with a complicated history, and it takes a three-disc set from Criterion to carry everything Gilliam and others had to offer.

No extras for Allen

Then there are the Allens, with their original theatrical trailers. That's all. "He has made it clear that the work stands by itself and to add anything else is to gild the lily," Blake said. As sort of a consolation prize, leaflets are tucked inside the front cover of each disc to describe the

Death," for example, is called a bridge between early farces like "Bananas" and "Sleeper" and more serious autobiographical comedies like "Annie Hall" and "Manhattan."

Allen didn't write the leaflets, but he is quoted. "Love and Death" is his favorite film, he says. After shooting "Sleeper" in Colorado, he longed to return to his beloved New York for a murder mystery, but, he explains, "I got a sudden urge to do a Russian thing, with a light philosophical theme." The locales look Russian, but "Love and Death" was shot in France and Hungary. "I love that area," Allen says. DVD consumers may demand a raft of features, but there's something nice about reading all this on a piece of paper.

The spare approach also suits "The Decalogue," by the Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski, another single work in a box — its 10-hour length requires two discs. The 10 films-within-a-film, each one powerfully mesmerizing, are based on the Ten Commandments. In this case, the extras are confined to each disc's jacket. "I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt have no other gods before me," begins a capsule description of the first film, a tragedy in which a computer is trusted over the forces of nature. Each film gets five lines. There are no extras. As with the Allens, none seem needed.

Genre films have yet to make much of an appearance in DVD boxes. Next year MGM plans to release strings of DVDs in its Soul Cinema Collection — "Black Caesar," "Coffy," "Foxy Brown," "Blaxploitation" like "Bikini Beach," "Burn, Witch Burn" and "Thunder Alley." The aren't in boxes, but Blake sa this kind of genre fare might sets in the future.

Boxed set with variety

But who needs a genre or a st for a box? The best set of the year a four-disc collection of made between the 1890s and having nothing in common than the fact that they didn't co from Hollywood. Put together by the National Film Preservation Foun tion, "Treasures From American Film Archives" culls selections from sources like George Eastman House the Minnesota Historical Society, the National Center for Jewish Film the Museum of Modern Art. "Cente King of the Slack Wire," a peep kinetoscope from 1894, runs a onds. A two-minute slice of Groucho Marx's home movies is included with Groucho, his wife and young daughters busting other day like any suburban family (not quite any).

From there, jump to James Shirley Watson Jr.'s "Fall of the House of Usher" (1928), with Herbert as Roderick Usher and a scri E.E. Cummings, Watson and Webber adapted from the s Edgar Allan Poe.

"In a decaying castle surrou by a dank, mirrored lake morbidly nervous Roderick and his sickly twin sister, Mad read the accompanying notes by Scott Simmon. collapse, the castle

'Unreal' offers up a bloody good time

By William Schiffmann
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Is the world ready for a game that makes Quake and Doom look like Saturday morning cartoons?

Ready or not, here comes "Unreal Tournament," the latest in first-person shooters, from Epic via Infogrames for the PlayStation 2.

"Unreal" started as one of the most popular adult computer titles of 1999. The PS2 offers just the right combination of graphical quality and speed to make it the logical console home for the title.

"Unreal Tournament" takes place at some unnamed time far in the future, where heavily armed creatures take part in violent death matches that leave body parts and gory stains everywhere.

You start by selecting a champion. You play in the same kind of first-person mode that has made "Doom" a favorite; all you see is the end of your current weapon — and the enemies coming to get you.

There are a number of ways to play this game. My favorite is the basic DeathMatch, in which your goal is to kill — or "frag" — as many opponents as possible while staying alive yourself.

If the frag goal for the round you're in is 15, that means you have to kill 15 opponents before one of them reaches that total. If you win, you advance to the next round.



VIDEO GAME REVIEW

- **WHAT:** Unreal Tournament
- **PLATFORM:** Sony Playstation 2
- **RATING:** M (17 and older)
- **GRADE:** A

Each round is fought in a different and increasingly complex venue, with more enemies stalking you the farther you advance. Many feature booby traps, such as pits full of lava. On the Pressure level, there are rooms in which you can be trapped and roasted.

You start the game with two weapons — an impact hammer, good only for hand-to-hand combat, and a powerful handgun called an Enforcer.

But never fear, there's plenty of firepower out there, either lying around to be picked up or carried by your enemies. Help yourself after you atomize them.

There are energy rifles, a mini-gun, even a gizmo called the Ripper which fires razor-sharp rotating blades. Or try the ultimate weapon — a hand-held nuclear missile.

Each weapon can be used two ways, depending on the trigger you use. An example — the blades on the Ripper also explode if you use the secondary trigger.

Scattered around among the firearms are health upgrades, armor and even antigravity boots to let you soar above the fray.

Other game modes include Domination, in which teams fight to control specific check points; Capture the Flag; and Assault, in which one team tries to destroy an objective while the other team defends it.

You can also play against your friends in a multiplayer mode.

Graphics are a solid A, with dramatic colors, delicious shading and details and spectacular weapons effects. This is one good-looking game.

Sound is a B+, and while voices are pretty much grunts and muttering, the weapons effects are perfect. If the speaking parts were larger — and easier to understand — it would have been an improvement.

Control gets an A. The Dual Shock 2 works very well, and you only have a few buttons to worry about for most of the action. The game also supports a mouse and keyboard, in case you want that computer experience.

Overall, give "Unreal Tournament" an A. It's about as far from politically correct as you can get, with giblets flying like confetti and blood stains everywhere. But it's a compelling and challenging title for adults, especially at the higher difficulty levels, and you'll find yourself drawn back again and again.

TOP VIDEOS AND DVDS

Video Rentals

1. "U-571"
2. "High Fidelity"
3. "Rules of Engagement"
4. "Pitch Black"
5. "Shanghai Noon"
6. "American Psycho"
7. "Final Destination"
8. "The Patriot"
9. "Mission To Mars"
10. "Any Given Sunday"

Video Sales

1. "Toy Story 2"
2. "Sleepy Hollow"
3. "Playboy's 2001 Playmate Video Calendar"
4. "The Little Mermaid II: Return To the Sea"
5. "Playboy's Best of College Girls"
6. "Next Friday"
7. "Playboy's Girls of Hedonism"
8. "Sex and the City"
9. "Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders"
10. "Buena Vista Social Club"

DVD Sales

1. "The Patriot"
2. "Frequency"
3. "U-571"
4. "American Beauty"
5. "Toy Story/Toy Story 2" two-pack
6. "Left Behind"
7. "Pitch Black"
8. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"
9. "Rules of Engagement"
10. "Shanghai Noon"

— Billboard

'Joseph' tops releases of children's video

By John Hartl
THE SEATTLE TIMES

While Matt Damon's theatrically released cartoon, "Titan A.E.," is new on tape and DVD Nov. 7, so is Ben Affleck's straight-to-video animated feature, "Joseph: King of Dreams." Damon provides the voice of the orphaned hero in "Titan"; Affleck is the voice of the persecuted Old Testament leader, Joseph, in "King of Dreams."

Produced by DreamWorks' animation division, "Joseph" is a kind of prequel to DreamWorks' animated 1998 biblical musical, "Prince of Egypt," with Jeffrey Katzenberg's name again prominently featured in the credits. It also tackles the same story as several other cartoons and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical that turned up on video earlier this year.

So what's different this time? Surprisingly, it's the animation (ordinarily not a strong point of straight-to-video cartoons), which imitates Van Gogh's paintings whenever Joseph is having prophetic dreams. As the producer, Ken Tsumura, says, "We wanted 'Starry Night' to move."

The script is also more involving than Webber's glitzy musical. The new songs, written for the film by Danny Pelfrey and John Bucchino, sound familiar, especially "Miracle Child," which instantly evokes the "Circle of Life" number from Katzenberg's "The Lion King." But the new song serves its own narrative purpose, suggesting how the preferential treatment of Joseph "the miracle child" led to his betrayal by his envious brothers.

The filmmakers admit upfront that "artistic and historical license has been taken," though the story line doesn't stray far from the biblical account of Joseph's new life in Egypt. The 74-minute production is DreamWorks' first direct-to-video release, and it shows considerably more care than most straight-to-video cartoons.

Meanwhile, Universal Studios Home Video is cranking out the seventh installment in its dinosaur series, "The Land Before Time VII: The Stone of Cold Fire," featuring the voice of Michael York as a new character, "Pterano," the black-sheep uncle of Petrie the pterodactyl. It's due Nov. 28.

A couple of days before Thanksgiving, Universal has another family-oriented straight-to-video release, "Must Be Santa," starring Dabney Coleman as the CEO of the North Pole. His mission is to find a new Santa to replace the retiring one, and Arnold Pinnock plays the chief candidate.

Also on Nov. 21, Warner Home Video will release "Our Lips Are Sealed," the latest video feature starring Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. It was filmed in Australia, where the girls are forced to go when the FBI Witness Protection Program tries to hide them.

Coming Nov. 14 is Sergei Bodrov's "Running Free," a boy-and-his-horse story that had a brief theatrical release in New York last spring. Chase Moore plays an orphaned servant boy who raises a colt named Lucky in an African mining town. Lukas Haas provides the voice of the horse.

The Film Journal International's Maria Garcia called it "an excellent children's film ... beautifully scored and well-edited, with stunning cinematography and a stellar equine cast." But Time Out magazine's critic, Mike D'Angelo, found it "nauseatingly saccharine," and Entertainment Weekly's Owen Gleiberman was offended by Haas' narration: "Lucky seems to have been body-snatched by a commentator from C-SPAN." Columbia TriStar Home Video is releasing it on tape and DVD.

Video picks

Video reviews from around the nation

	Contra Costa Times	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	Seattle Times
"Center Stage" (PG-13)		▼	●	▼	▼	▼	■
"Flintstones ..." (PG)		■	▼	■			
"Frequency" (PG-13)		■	■	■	●	■	
"Patriot" (R)	▼	●	▼	■	▼	▼	■
"Return to Me" (PG)		■	■	■	■	■	■
"Thomas ... Railroad" (G)		■	▼	●	▼		▼
"Toy Story 2" (G)	●	●	■	■	●	●	●
"Up at the Villa" (PG-13)		▼	▼	■	■		▼

● Brilliant ■ Good ▼ Weak ● Bomb



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Nightlife



ANYTHING GOES at the Warehouse, where stuffed mounted animals, nautical paraphernalia and eclectic "antique" decor sets the mood

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Boondock bar is a real trip

■ Hidden in the backroads to Port Costa, the Warehouse offers a refreshing change from trendy Bay Area venues



TERE TULIPANO
Night Beat

I DON'T LIKE driving to bars because I know I'm a lightweight, and two good kamikazes will stop me from driving home safely.

I'm also one of those people who never pays attention to directions if I'm not driving.

My friends know these things about me, yet three of them agreed to risk getting very lost (which we did) to strike out for the Warehouse Cafe in Port Costa, a town they'd never heard of and I'd only been to once — as a drunken passenger.

Of course, I promised them what I'll promise you: a 9-plus-foot stuffed polar bear towering over a headless stuffed seal. And drinks served in quart-sized mason jars for $6.50 (which in S.F. would buy you a thimbleful of bottom-shelf hooch).

These are not the only reasons to make the trek out to this hidden gem. It's comfy; jeans and T-shirts are the norm. The people are laid-back. There's a really nice small-town community feeling that is rare in the Bay Area. And in addition to a huge selection of cocktails, the small bar serves more than 400 brands of beer.

The road to Port Costa, which is nestled against the Carquinez Strait, just past Crockett, actually dead-ends into the Warehouse's gravel parking lot. An hour of unnecessary turnoffs and second-guessing made us doubt we could possibly have arrived until the unmistakable twangy beginning of "Sweet Home Alabama" drifted out from a darkened patio, followed by a woman's shrill cry of "Oh my gawd, I love this song!"

A moment later we heard this fragment of conversation: " . . . where a man *works* for a living!"

My two male friends exchanged looks, and one said, "We're going to get our asses kicked here, aren't we?"

Although they are your average San Francisco witty-intellectual-nerdy types and therefore total wimps, when it came to a fight, M. and J. (I'll keep their wimp anonymity) had nothing to worry about.

Not that we were welcomed by the staff or locals. It's just that we were pretty much ignored by both all night. The bartender seemed new to the job, and the patrons were busy hanging out with each other.

I've already told you about the polar bear/seal tableau: Taxidermy rules.

A vying theme is: All things nautical can and should be used for decoration. Another is: If it's old, it must be an antique.

Sometimes these [illegible] lap. Like the [illegible] preserver hanging [illegible] of a mounted deer head that [illegible] sports an ancient pair of pink bunny ears.

The red brick building was [illegible] in 1886, a year after Port Costa was established. Inside, the walls

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THE WAREHOUSE

- **WHERE:** 5 Canyon Lake Drive, Port Costa (Crockett exit off 80)
- **HOURS:** Noon until closing time (which varies depending on the number of patrons, but usually until 2 a.m. on weekends)
- **PARKING:** Plenty of it, which is good, because you can only get there by driving
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- **CROWD:** Mostly local, wide range of ages



- **DRESS:** Very casual
- **TROLL FACTOR** [illegible]
- **KAMIKAZE RATING** [illegible]

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MUSIC

Gordon happy to be on her own

By Paul Freeman
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Nina Gordon is on a Salt-free diet.

And, as far as she's concerned, she's never sounded better.

Formerly one of Veruca Salt's lead singers, she's now pushing a solo career with her debut CD "Tonight and the Rest of My Life" (Warner Bros). Her first tour makes a stop at Great American Music Hall on Sunday.

Gordon says she's still getting used to having the spotlight shine slowly on her. "The whole process has been different," she says. "I won't say that it's more fulfilling, but I feel like it's more honest, because I'm not compromising in any way. I'm not forced to tiptoe around anybody's feelings or anybody's notion about what I should be or the way that my songs should be performed. I'm going out there and being myself. And that feels really good.

"One of the most difficult things about being in a band is you never totally feel that you can be yourself, because you don't want to upstage anybody. But you also don't want to disappear. So there's this delicate balance that has to be maintained in a band, whereas in this situation, I can bust out, be myself and not worry about stepping on anybody's toes."

She wasn't daunted by the task of creating her own album. "I didn't feel that much pressure. It felt so natural to me. It was what I had always dreamed of doing, making a record like this where things were totally open and free, where I could just do my own thing."

Her album's title track is enjoying airplay, and initial sales figures of the CD have been fairly strong. Still Gordon says, "I don't put too much stock in numbers. It's kind of like weighing yourself on a scale. I don't believe in weighing myself to determine if I'm where I should be. If I feel good, then I'm fine."

She's happy to play live in front of her own band, following months of promotional acoustic dates. "Playing acoustic is nice, but it can be kind of frustrating, because you feel like, 'I don't want people to think that I've turned into Jewel. I want to rock.' "

On the "Tonight and the Rest of My Life" material, Gordon proves as effective with ballads as rockers. "I feel like these songs represent me really well, so I'm having a good time singing them. Certain songs, I didn't realize would be as moving to me, getting me choked up, like 'Hate Your Way' and 'Fade to Black.' They're thought-provoking to me. Then there are songs like 'Badway' or 'Number One Camera' that are just about having fun, just rocking really hard, ripping it up, not thinking too much."

Gordon likes being in charge. "I think I'm perfectly capable of working with other people on their ideas, collaborating with somebody if they have a vision of what they want to do. But when it comes to my songs, I feel like I really need to be in control of how they turn out."

Life on the road has been exhilarating, but Gordon wishes her boyfriend, former Veruca Salt drummer Stacy Jones, now fronting his own band American Hi-Fi, could be with her.

"I'm happy, but that doesn't mean that I don't have moments of fear, dissonance and confusion," she says. "Being on the road is sometimes a total blast. It can be romantic or meaningful. But quite frankly, it can also be really shallow and isolating. I find that a couple of months into a tour, inevitably, no matter how well things are going, I always get a little down.

"You're far away from your friends and your family, from your own bed. You start feeling like, 'What am I doing in this traveling circus?' Feelings of alienation come out on the road. Eventually you get your second wind and it's exciting again or you find a deeper meaning. When you're low, people in the audience can send this incredible energy back to you that can carry you for days or even weeks. It's always a roller coaster."

She admits to missing the camaraderie she shared with Veruca Salt's other vocalist, Louise Post. "I love the guys I'm touring with and I'm having a lot of fun, but, yeah, it's hard being the only girl sometimes. I feel like I want another girl around, just to be silly with. So, at some point, at least somebody in my crew or the person who sells T-shirts, is going to have to be a girl."

Of Veruca's broken bond, Gordon says, "There was so much amazing chemistry between me and Louise Post. She and I really connected musically and emotionally, as friends. It was so intense. I just don't think that that level of intensity can ever be sustained for very long. We were together for six years. We held out as long as we could, because there was so much love and respect, but it did get really difficult.

"I liken it to any romantic relationship, where you get together and there's that honeymoon phase. You can't believe you found this other person who's just like you. You see eye to eye and together, you're this incredible team. But then something shifts somewhere down the line and you feel like you're losing some of yourself in the relationship. ... So I got to the point where I had to grow. I had to move on and see who I was by myself."

She felt it was important to distance herself from Post. "We're still not in touch. But we do exchange friendly messages through other people, at each other's birthdays, that sort of thing. I know from interviews with her I've read and I'm sure she is aware from interviews that I've done that we both feel that there's no ill feeling anymore, that we've gotten past the blackout phase, where you have to rid yourself of the other person for a while in order to move on. So I'm certain that, at some point in the near future, we will see one another."

Gordon doesn't feel like she's beginning a new career. "It feels like a continuation. I certainly would not be here had I not been in Veruca Salt. I'm very proud of what we achieved together. Those songs are still very meaningful to me, the songs that I wrote and the songs that Louise wrote, everything we did. I just feel like this is another phase in my life as a songwriter, as a musician and as a human being."



HAVING LEFT VERUCA SALT, Nina Gordon is embarking on her first solo tour and has made her debut album.

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TWO PLAY performs at the Warehouse in front of the polar bear taxidermy.



THE WAREHOUSE bar and restaurant mix several diverse decorating themes for an eccentric look.

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are covered in rough cement that's imbedded with big wooden spools and an anchor or two. The ceiling has lobster mobiles and stuffed birds suspended from the exposed beams.

Enter the bar by the front door and walk through the restaurant, or just nip in by way of the patio. At night the patio is too dark to get a good view of the Carquinez Strait, but swelling hills, set with hundreds of twinkling lights just beyond the water, are stunning. It's worth the extra few minutes spent walking around to the front to check out the large dining room.

A vying theme is: All things nautical can and should be used for decoration. Another is: If it's old, it must be an antique.

The interior of the restaurant is done with the same flair as the bar. There are red-and-white striped carousel-top lampshades and an antique boardwalk ticket booth with a stained glass arch top. The combination of these with mannequin torsos give the place a deliciously creepy Ray Bradbury circus feel.

We had plenty of time to notice the bizarre decor because the bartender ignored us for our first 15 minutes at the nearly empty bar.

We loved the flock of decoy ducks that floated via fishing line overhead. Apparently the management did, too, because there was a spotlight trained on them. Or perhaps it was there to show off the generations of spider webs built upon each other like an arachnid Pompeii.

When the bartender did finally acknowledge us and take our orders, he committed one of the worst sins against a kamikaze I've ever witnessed. He used his squirt gun. I should have stopped him, but like a shock victim I could only sit and watch.

Vodka, lime and triple sec. Three ingredients. Water is only used to chill the shot glass then dumped out.

I would tell you about the restaurant's menu, but it was snatched (no exaggeration) from M.'s hand, and a chalkboard of bar food was pointed out to us. You can get some very plain fare (i.e., items that include Wonderbread and saltines) for under $7 after the kitchen has closed.

Here's the bathroom 411. The ladies' room had no doors on the stalls, so you'll need to lock the main door if you want privacy (my friend H. and I took turns blocking the view for each other).

I didn't see the men's urinals, which I was informed were mirrored from the waist down, but I'll trust M. and J. about how disconcerting they were to use.

The troll factor was negligible. Neither H. nor myself were leered at even once. Maybe it was because we were with M. and J. But I'd like to give the local men credit and say they were just decent guys there to play pool and hang out a Saturday night.

This is a bar few have heard about in a town that's also a well-kept secret. I'm a little reluctant to write about it, for fear that too many residers could change its quirky ... Don't go to the Warehouse to cruise for a date or to be catered to. Do go because it's a funky, one-of-the-way place and because it's refreshing to find somewhere in the Bay Area that isn't a "scene."

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Napster was about music, not about sales and greed

By Renee Graham
BOSTON GLOBE

COMMENTARY

Now that Napster, the revolutionary free music-sharing service, has formed an alliance with Bertelsmann AG, parent company of music giant BMG Entertainment, I'm sure millions of Napster users won't have any problem paying a membership fee to download music by such BMG artists as the Dave Matthews Band, David Bowie, Santana, Annie Lennox and Christina Aguilera.

I just won't be one of them.

It's not about the cost of membership, which Napster CEO Hank Berry said last week would be $4.95 a month. It's not a protest against Napster founder Shawn Fanning's understandable desire to get out from under at least one of the legal assaults his company has faced from five major music companies — BMG, Sony Music, Universal Music, Warner Music Group, and EMI — represented by the Recording Industry Association of America in its lawsuit accusing Napster of copyright infringement. Nor do I have any particular aversion to financial compensation for recording artists.

I simply refuse to have anything to do with the ever-rapacious record companies' latest effort to again sink their meat hooks into music lovers.

Consumers rule

Whether it's criminally high CD prices or the reduced number of single tracks released, which forces people to buy an entire CD for one decent song, record companies have had their way with the public for far too long. It's has everything to do with commerce and nothing to do with art.

But since its creation about 18 months ago, Napster has operated in a manner completely alien to record companies — in the interest of music lovers. With Napster, I've found long out-of-print Calypso songs by such artists as Lord Flea and Lord Nelson — stuff my family brought with them from the West Indies more than 40 years ago and wonderful music from bands that never received enough attention, such as Orbit and Remy Zero.

Napster has never been about capricious or corrupt radio programmers, the specious blessings of Carson Daly and his bevy of yelping teens, video rotations or hype-filled product tie-ins that all decided what we hear. It's always been about the music and the people who wanted to share what they loved with other fans. No wonder Napster claims to have garnered 38 million users in less than two years.

With instant access to more than 1 million files, it's certainly high-tech, but at its core it's the cybercousin of cassette swapping, in which someone buys an album and makes tapes for their friends. Over the years, that's exactly how I discovered such artists as the Smiths, Keith Jarrett and Ani DiFranco, and introduced my friends to Stevie Ray Vaughan, Cesaria Evora and Macy Gray. It was never an intention to cheat the record companies or the artists, as much as it was a desire to turn your friends on to cool new artists. More often than not, we would then buy the album or CD anyway.

(By the way, record companies used to complain that usage of blank audiotapes would wreck them; last time I checked, the industry seemed to be pretty healthy.)

Ironically, Napster's popularity has coincided with a killer year for the record industry. The ability to sample music before purchasing it has led to through-the-roof album sales.

There is no proof that Napster has warded off record buyers.

Prince speaks out

While several artists have been vocal in their opposition to Napster, Prince has supported alternative means for music distribution. After a lengthy battle with his former label, Warner Bros., for years Prince used his own Web site to make his music available to fans.

"What record companies don't really understand is that Napster is just one illustration of the growing frustration over how much record companies control what music people get (to) hear," he told the Los Angeles Times.

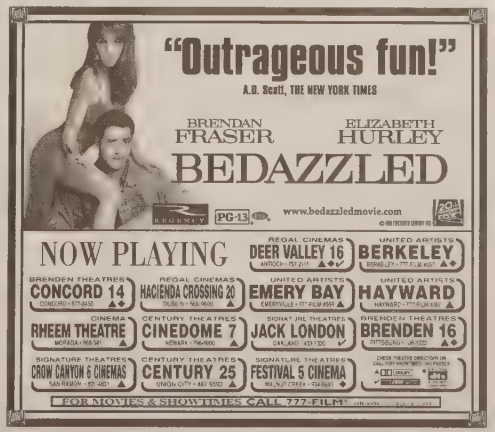
"Yes, young people need (to) be educated about the fact that artists should be compensated (for) their work," Prince added, "but they don't need to be educated about how (to) hypocritically exploit artists by forcing them to participate in a system designed (to) sell product instead of sharing good music." He's absolutely right.

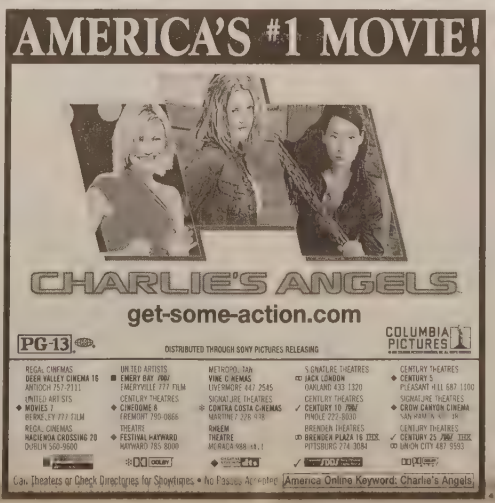
In the meantime, other record companies are probably already lining up to strike their own deals with Napster. All the babble about protecting artists has as much depth as a Creed song. Record companies have been ripping off musicians for as along as they've been recording them.

This is about money, pure and simple, and how record companies can wrest a little bit more out of the hands of consumers.

But this time, they won't get mine.

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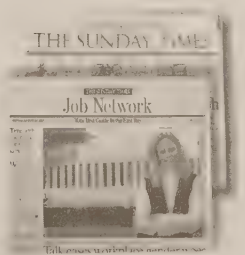
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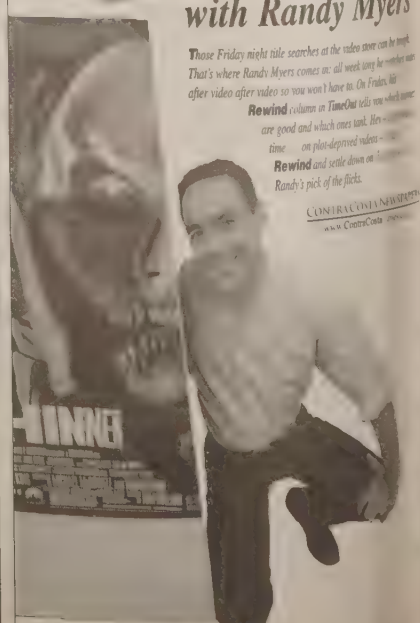
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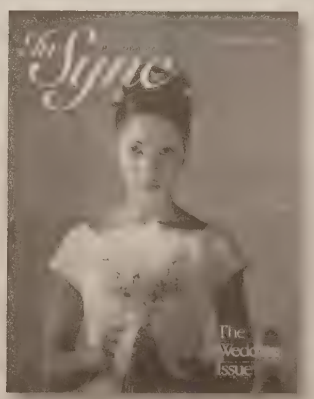


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Hagar blames Napster for poor record sales

I GUESS nobody sells CDs anymore. Because apparently, if the "Red Rocker" can't sell records in the 21st century age of Napster, nobody can.

With a prediction about as accurate as anything seen on news team's election desks, **Sammy Hagar** started blaming Napster for poor sales of his latest album "Ten 13" back in September — more than a month before his album came out.

No, I didn't know Hagar had a new record out either. I didn't even know he still had a record deal.

According to fan a Web site "The Van Halen News Desk," Hagar's excuse, er, prediction, came true — the Internet demand for new Hagar material caused the album to plummet on the Billboard charts. The record hit stores in late October.

In a Sept. 19 interview on Launch.com, Hagar said "My CD's been on (Napster) — every song — for weeks. We'll see. If my first record sales aren't comparable to what my past is, then I'll say Napster hurt me."

Right. It couldn't be that the record-buying public in the year 2000 just isn't into some 50-year-old guy shrieking about cars, chicks and booze.

You'd think a guy in Hagar's position might see the Internet as a tool get out his music. Because, evidently, not many radio stations are playing it.

MAYBE SAMMY COULD TAKE SOME LESSONS FROM CHER, who just released a record strictly on the Internet. "Not Commercial" is a mix of styles not usually heard from Cher.

It's supposed to be personal and almost entirely self-written, which is a huge departure for Cher. She gets into topics like religion, homeless people, a relationship with a married man, and Kurt Cobain's suicide.

Whether it's good or not is a matter of individual taste. But at least she's taking a different path (of course, that's probably why it's only found on the Web, at Cher.com, and not on a major label). And best of all, she's not writing songs about tequila and cars.



CHER experiments with different styles of music on her new Internet album — which is available only on her fan site, Cher.com.



TONY HICKS
Plugged In

SUPERGROUP A LITTLE LESS SUPER — East Bay hip-hop supergroup **Lucy Pearl** has jettisoned former En Vogue singer **Dawn Robinson,** replacing her with solo artist **Joi,** after only one album.

The other two group members, **Raphael Saadiq** from Tony Toni Toné and **Ali Shaheed** from A Tribe Called Quest, gave no reason for Robinson's departure, though it might have something to do with Internet music news.reports that Robinson has signed a solo deal with Q Records, the music division of the home-shopping QVC network.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRITY LEGAL VICTIMS are **Carlos Santana** and **Master P.**

Santana, who only now is understanding how his new-found success has multiplied the size of the target on his back, is being sued by John Ryan, the producer of three songs on Santana's 1982 "Shango."

That's not a typo — the suit is over something that happened 18 years ago, when Ryan allegedly wasn't paid what he was owed for his work. That must be some legal case to take nearly two decades to put together.

Ryan filed suit in Los Angeles Superior Court last week, claiming an audit of his accounts showed that he's owed more than $72,000 — which may total more than $200,000 now, according to terms of the original contract.

Master P is also finding himself on the wrong end of a lawsuit this week after a Louisiana bank alleged Oct. 20 that the rap tycoon fell behind on payments for a May 1999 loan. The bank is seeking $743,000.



ROCKER SAMMY HAGAR, whose new album "Ten 13" came out in October, says Napster hurt his record sales by featuring songs on its Web site before the CD's official release.

A HEALTHY TREND OF HELPING UNEMPLOYED JOURNALISTS: The Sacramento metal band Deftones has donated $5,000 to a Texas newspaper editor who was fired last week for running a photo featuring singer Chino Moreno wearing a shirt with the Fuct clothing line logo.

Nora Garza, the recently-fired features editor of the Monitor, a daily in the town of McAllen, has two children and an unemployed husband. The money will go to help the family pay its bills. Never let it be said that rumors of newspaper management having hearts the size of a gum wad were exaggerated or anything.

Naturally, we don't know the whole story, but newspaper editors apparently told Garza she'd embarrassed the paper by running the picture of an obscene word. Garza said she'd assumed the letters were initials for something else.

This is Texas, after all. Garza may have gotten off lightly.

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4. "Music" Madonna
5. "Most Girls" Pink

ALBUMS

1. "The Dynasty Roc La Familia" Jay-Z
2. "Stankona" OutKast
3. "All That You Can't Leave Behind" U2
4. "Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water" Limp Bizkit
5. "Awake" Godsmack

ADULT CONTEMPORARY

1. "Back Here" BBMak
2. "Taking You Home" Don Henley
3. "Cruisin'" Huey Lewis and Gwyneth Paltrow
4. "I Need You" LeAnn Rimes
5. "You Sang to Me" Marc Anthony

GOSPEL ALBUMS

1. "Mountain High ... Valley Low" Yolanda Adams
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MAINSTREAM ROCK

1. "Loser" 3 Doors Down
2. "Why Pt. 2" Collective Soul
3. "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)" Fuel
4. "Are You Ready?" Creed
5. "Awake" Godsmack

MODERN ROCK

1. "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)" Fuel
2. "Man Overboard" Blink 182
3. "Original Prankster" The Offspring
4. "Loser" 3 Doors Down
5. "Beautiful Day" U2

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1. "Best of Intentions" Travis Tritt
2. "The Little Girl" John Michael Montgommery
3. "Just Another Day in Paradise" Phil Vassar
4. "We Danced" Brad Paisley
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Parachutes drop uneasy listening on LP

William Friar
TIMES STAFF WRITER

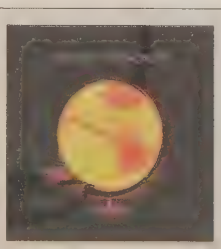
The ability to find beauty in rage and ugliness is part of what gives rock its power. But lately that's all it seems able to find, at least in this country. And most of it is faked.

The UK has so far resisted the faux-fury trend. It's one of the few places you can turn these days to hear commercially viable music that explores a wider range of emotions, especially the gentler ones.

The most recent entry is Coldplay, whose debut, "Parachutes," was one of the UK's most highly regarded albums over the last year.

It finally got a U.S. release this week. And it'll probably go nowhere, since there are few places on the radio dial or in American listeners' hearts for music like this these days.

Which is a shame, because



CD REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Parachutes"
- **WHO:** Coldplay
- **LABEL:** Nettwerk
- **GRADE:** B+

"Parachutes" belongs on your "sensitive, damaged souls" shelf somewhere between Jeff Buckley and Radiohead.

Like them, Coldplay is in love with melodies as fragile and lovely as a spider web. But, also like them, the band is capable of bashing when it needs to, as on the second tune, "Shiver," which punctuates singer Chris Martin's aching falsetto with fuzzy power chords. Even the tragic ballad "Yellow," the first single, is thick with electric guitars.

Coldplay's more characteristic mood is hushed, slightly spooky melancholia that blooms into desperate yearning.

Melancholia? Yearning? Yup. And add to that doubt, insecurity, fear and confusion. And compassion. Check out the opening to "We Never Change":

"I wanna live life / and never be cruel / and I wanna live life / and be good to you."

The Limp Bizkits and Eminems would dearly love to kick these guys' butts. They're a bunch of wimps.

But they're not a bunch of whiners. Every song looks for the tarnished silver lining among the gathering black clouds. From "Don't Panic": "All of us are done for / and we live in a beautiful world."

That tension is maintained throughout the album, both lyrically and musically. "Spies" is typical. It combines comforting acoustic strumming and warm shimmering tones with a minor-key eeriness and free-floating paranoia ("... and if we don't hide now / they're gonna catch us where we sleep").

"Parachutes" is a good example of "uneasy listening" music. It comforts at the same time it unsettles.

And even more amazing in these bonehead-banging times, it finds beauty in beauty.

Jay-Z is pimpin' again with his latest album

Hip-Hop/R&B

- **WHAT:** "The Dynasty Roc La Familia"
- **WHO:** Jay-Z
- **LABEL:** Roc-A-Fella
- **GRADE:** B+

At first it's a groaner: Here's Jay-Z, the Brooklyn bomber with a rep for impeccable taste, copping Curtis Mayfield's falsetto and Rick James' "Give It to Me" as the foundation for "I Just Wanna Love U," the first single from his fifth release, "The Dynasty."

As hooks go, the James appropriation is a durable one, but the production team known as the Neptunes wisely doesn't lean too hard on it. Just when Jay-Z starts overdoing those "gimme that funky stuff" refrains, up pops another extract, from the Notorious B.I.G.'s "The World Is Filled." That one's the stroke of genius. Supported by elastic guitars and thumping bass, it bounces the track between early-'80s disco fantasy and mid-'90s street confrontation, creating an idealized Jay-Z realm in which the funk coexists with the fury.

That's the basic recipe for "The Dynasty," which positions the hustler known as Shawn Carter as the patriarch of a large and influential rap family that includes Beanie Sigel, Memphis Bleek and Amil — all of whom make major contributions to the album. From the introductory assertion, "This is food for thought, you do the dishes," through the Parliament-esque chant that enlivens "Change the Game" and R. Kelly's wriggling cameo on "Guilty Until Proven Innocent," it's clear that everyone rolling with the Roc family has stepped up the rhythmic rhyming, and has figured out how to use hooks and musical devices without making every track a variety show, or (worse) a Will Smith-style production number.

— Tom Moon
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Pop/Rock

- **WHAT:** "Halfway Between the Gutter and the Stars"
- **WHO:** Fatboy Slim
- **LABEL:** Astralwerks
- **GRADE:** A

What a beautiful album title. And how appropriate: For his fourth full-length album of infectious electronic pop, British DJ Fatboy Slim finds ample room to shimmy between filthy funk bass lines and radiant cosmic vibes.

You'd do just as well to dub it "Halfway Between the Dance Floor and the Billboard Hot 100." The album covers a wide swath of beats, samples and synth stylings, and it picks up moods like they're sitting at a garage sale. But when all is said and done, these 11 tracks do bear a common trait: They crackle with unyielding hooks.

You don't have to be a clubber to know Fatboy Slim's music. Since he unleashed 1998's "You've Come a Long Way, Baby," his stuff's been everywhere — Al Gore even picked up the interplanetary blues of "Praise You" for a campaign theme. Fatboy Slim — born Norman Cook — is an unashamed populist in a world of electronic-music elites.

"Halfway" distills the best of Slim's aesthetic: There's the big-beat propulsion of "Star 69," the disco funk of "Love Life," the crisp house of "Retox." The samples are abundant but tastefully placed, and eclectic: Jim Morrison, Bill Withers and Wet Willie are among the myriad voices that get manipulated, twisted and recast to breathe human spirit into the digital production. Quirky soul vocalist Macy Gray makes a pair of live appearances, letting loose with swinging vocals on "Love Life" and the gospel-drenched "Demons."

Fatboy Slim is an electronic artiste with a rock musician's mind-set. He understands that it takes more than trendy new rhythms to grab folks' ears, and he constructs his stuff accordingly. "Halfway" is animated, even frisky — the ideal record for keeping a little sunshine on your stereo as the winter gray sinks in.

—Brian McCollum
Knight Ridder Newspapers



RAPPER JAY-Z, seen here at the San Jose Arena, has learned how to use hooks and musical devices in his new album.

Pop/Rock

- **WHAT:** "Scattered, Smothered & Covered"
- **WHO:** Hootie & the Blowfish
- **LABEL:** Atlantic
- **GRADE:** B

Given that the band's own songs sound like covers, it comes as a small surprise that Hootie & the Blowfish's covers sound, essentially, like its own songs. Not because America's bar band reworks them in its own image, but because it has always imagined itself as a student of classic, middle-of-the-road rock.

And so Hootie doing Led Zeppelin ("Hey Hey What Can I Do") sounds exactly like Hootie, doing Led Zeppelin; ditto with Roy Orbison ("Dream Baby") and R.E.M. ("Driver 8"). Original arrangements remain; only the tempos sometimes change. Culled from six years of soundtracks, tribute albums, B-sides and outtakes, this odds-and-sods collection nevertheless coheres. Not because Hootie hasn't developed — which it hasn't, much — but because consistency has always been the often-overlooked art of its craft.

— Fred Beckley
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Country

- **WHAT:** "Tomorrow's Sounds Today"
- **WHO:** Dwight Yoakam
- **LABEL:** Reprise
- **GRADE:** A-

Don't worry, never fear: the title

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1. "A Puro Dolor" Son By Four
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4. "La Bikina" Luis Miguel
5. "She Bangs" Ricky Martin

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of his 12th studio album doesn't mean Pikeville, Ky.-born Hollywood cowboy Dwight Yoakam has gone all techno-futuristic on us. The only way the title of "Tomorrow's Sounds Today" could be taken literally, in fact, would be if the way-back machine transported us to 1964, when Buck Owens' Bakersfield sound ruled the radio and British Invasion influences were starting to creep into the lean and lonesome electrified honky-tonk sound.

Yoakam remains modern in a '60s kind of way — ace producer-guitarist Pete Anderson keeps the arrangements clean and spacious so every guitar line, accordion squeeze and harmony vocal is in service of making the songs better. And at the same time, he's post-modern in an utterly contemporary way: He always seems at a certain distance from his material, which is a self-conscious combination of carefully chosen elements from the past, with every detail as meticulously attended to as the tilt of his cowboy hat.

"A Promise to Keep," "A Place to Cry," "For Love's Sake": This is another top-notch collection of hillbilly noir laments, with a couple of extra treats. "The Sad Side of Town" is the first ever Yoakam-Owens co-composition, and Yoakam once again shows his sure hand with a non-country cover, with Cheap Trick's "I Want You to Want Me."

— Dan DeLuca
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Blues

- **WHAT:** "Wicked"
- **WHO:** Shemekia Copeland
- **LABEL:** Alligator
- **GRADE:** A-

Shemekia Copeland's on her own now. For historical reference, it's OK to note she's the daughter of the late Texas bluesman Johnny Copeland, but her second disc establishes her as a huge talent in her own right. Her debut, 1998's "Turn the Heat Up," was a fine recording, but "Wicked" shows Copeland has broadened her range and sharpened her talent.

She can shout with the best of them, but Copeland is much more a singer now. You feel the pain in "The Other Woman" and the righteous strength of a woman wondering where her man is in "It's 2 a.m." And when she mutes the power to handle an acoustic blues "Beat up Guitar," you get the feel of a dusty Texas bar. That's a sound foreign to the streets of Harlem, where Copeland grew up.

Copeland gets great support from a tight backing band led by Jimmy Vivino's guitar (and song writing). Singing with conviction and confidence across all styles, she is marked for a wickedly bright future.

— James Reindl
Associated Press

RADIO

AROUND THE DIAL

Today

8 a.m.

TALK: Dr. Frank Huyler, emergency room physician and author of the "Blood of Strangers: Stories from Emergency Medicine," shares tales of life in the emergency room. KSFO 560 AM

11:30 a.m.

TALK: Jennifer Allen, author of "Fifth Quarter: The Scrimmage of a Football Coach's Daughter." KGO 810 AM

Noon

COMMONWEALTH: Marine Conservation: Poisons, pollutants and pesticides Guest Susan Anderson, Ph.D., biologist and Marla Cone, environmental writer. KALW 91.7 FM

8 p.m.

ALBUM FEATURE: Elvin Bishop and Smokey Smothers, "That's My Partner." KEGR 100.1 FM

Saturday

10 a.m.

INTERVIEW: "West Coast Live with Sedge Thomson": Featuring Jeanette Winterson, Eve Ensler, playwright of "The Vagina Monologues," Louis Brooks biographer Barry Paris, acoustic guitar summit and accordionist Big Lou. KALW 91.7 FM

Sunday

7 a.m.

CLASSICAL: From The Top, performances by young talents. KDFC 102.1 FM

7:30 a.m.

TALK: Jim Waltrip, an executive Director of Seminis Garden and an internationally famous vegetable seed breeder talks about the All-American Winners for 2001. KSFO 560 AM

8 a.m.

JAZZ: Chris Cortez interviews vocalist Barbara Morrison. KCSM 91.1 FM

9 a.m.

CULTURES: "Hidden Cultures, Secret Societies," Yale's secret society Skull and Bones and its alumni who are running the country today. KALW 91.7 FM

10 a.m.

FOOD/TRAVEL: Holiday Gift Show, Paige Poulos and John Woolley join the crew with gift recommendations. KABL 960 AM

11 a.m.

FOOTBALL: 49ers coverage. KGO 810 AM

1 p.m.

CITY ARTS/LECTURES: The guest is recent Booker Prize winner Margaret Atwood, author of "The Blind Assassin" and "The Handmaid's Tale." KQED 88.5 FM

3:30 p.m.

CHOIR: Sacred Concert Hall — Elgar Cathedral Music, Worcester Cathedral Choir. KEAR 106.9 FM

4 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT: Michael Clare presents Unknown Legends of Rock 'n' Roll, Part 2. Featuring Pretty Things, Electric Prunes and more. KUSF 90.3 FM

7 p.m.

JAZZ: "1943 Ellington Transcripts," a look at what went on with Duke's orchestra during the recording ban, which didn't apply to transcriptions. KCSM 91.1 FM

SINATRA: Tina Sinatra talks about her best-selling book. KABL 960 AM

Monday

8:15 a.m.

ELECTION: Ann Coulter, syndicated columnist and author of "High Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Case Against Bill Clinton," offers her post-election analysis. KGO 810 AM

10 a.m.

FORUM: Forum discusses ironic capitalism. KQED 88.5 FM

Noon

TALK: Recipes for sustainability with Vicki Robin. She discusses the multiple dimensions of freedom, including paradox and how this relates to sustainability — both personal and planetary. KALW 91.7 FM

8 p.m.

ALBUMS: Chuck Brodsky, "Last of the Old Time." KEGR 100.1 and 97.7 FM

WINE: Laurel Glen Vineyards and board director of Family Winemakers joins Brian Wilson to talk wine. KSFO 560 AM

9 p.m.

JAZZ: This show celebrates Granz's outstanding achievements while exploring the shrewdness and audacity of his producing style. KCSM 91.1 FM

11 p.m.

RADIO THEATER: "When Radio Was": "The Big Check" with Jack Webb. "Fix it McGee" with Jim and Marian Jordan, part 1. KABL 960 AM

Tuesday

7 a.m.

TALK: Heather MacDonald, fellow at the Manhattan Institute and author of "The Burden of Bad Ideas: How Modern Intellectuals Misshape Our Society," talks about her new book. KSFO 560 AM

9 a.m.

FORUM: Forum talks with Michael Bellesiles, author of "Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture." KQED 88.5 FM

8 p.m.

CLASSICAL: San Francisco Symphony. . KDFC 102.1 FM

9 p.m.

JAZZ: Cyrus Chestnut's gospel-tinged piano inspires Reginald Veal's deeply swinging bass. KCSM 91.1 FM

11 p.m.

RADIO THEATER: "When Radio Was": "Fix it McGee" with Jim and Marian Jordan, Part 2. "Reservoir For Murder" with Al Hodge. KABL 960 AM

Wednesday

7 a.m.

MARRIAGE: Maggie Gallagher, director of the marriage program at the Institute for American Values and co-author of "The Case for Marriage: Why Married People Are Happier, Healthier and Better Off Financially," shares her findings about marriage. KSFO 560 AM

10 a.m.

FORUM: Forum talks with Judith Wallerstein about her new book, "The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce." KQED 88.5 FM

11 a.m.

FORUM: Anna Quindlen, best-selling novelist, Pulitzer Prize winner, syndicated columnist and author of "A Short Guide to a Happy Life." KGO 810 AM

Noon

FORUM: Tom McDonald, U.S. Ambassador to Zimbabwe, on the strategic importance of this nation and the effort to develop a regional approach to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. KALW 91.7 FM

7:30 p.m.

LEGAL: Consumer tips for the purchase of long-term care insurance. KALW 91.7 FM

8 p.m.

PODIUM: Recorded in 1979: city, state and national leaders give their predictions for San Francisco in the year 2000. KUSF 90.3 FM

9 p.m.

JAZZ: Guest Dave Douglas. JazzTimes magazine's "Artist of the Year," talks about his recent release, a tribute to Mary Lou Williams, the jazz legend he credits for inspiring him. KCSM 91.1 FM

11 p.m.

RADIO THEATER: "When Radio Was" "John and Judith, Their Crime and Why They Didn't Get to Enjoy It" with Lou Merrill. "English Butler" with Jack Benny and all his gang. Part 1. KABL 960 AM

Thursday

10 a.m.

FORUM: The guest is Robin Morgan KQED 88.5 FM

11 a.m.

INTERVIEW: Grace Slick, rock singer, performer, author, animal rights activist and artist with a new exhibit in San Francisco, is the guest. KGO 810 AM

Noon

ECOLOGY: Revolutionary ecology: The Legacy of Judi Bari, is the topic. KALW 91.7 FM

9 p.m.

JAZZ: Guests McCoy Tyner's trio and Roy Hargrove's quintet. KCSM 91.1 FM

11 p.m.

RADIO THEATER: "When Radio Was": "The English Butler" with Jack Benny, part 2. "The Case of the Stooge's Errand" with Les Damon. KABL 960 AM

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SAM SHEPARD, above, premieres his play "The Late Henry Moss," a Magic Theatre production, at Theatre on the Square.

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Shepard back to make magic

■ After serving in the '70s as the Magic Theatre's playwright-in-residence, he went on to stardom and now returns with a new play

By Mark de la Vina
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

When Nick Nolte first leaked the news early this year that Sam Shepard was returning to the Magic Theatre, that the writer of "True West" and "Buried Child" was bringing a new play to the San Francisco company, a lot of people in the theater community felt that he was coming home.

The Magic's playwright-in-residence in the late '70s, the iconic and laconic theater legend-turned-movie star is directing the world premiere of his play "The Late Henry Moss" for the Magic at Theatre on the Square. That alone would have sated the Pulitzer Prize-winner's many admirers, but Shepard has turned an anticipated production into an international event by cherry-picking a cast that includes Nolte, Sean Penn, Woody Harrelson, Cheech Marin, Shepard veteran James Gammon and New York actress Sheila Tousey.

Newspapers began gushing over Sam sightings as though he were Santa Claus flying onto a Christmas Eve radar screen. Celebrity watchers still buzz about the clutter of stars, such as Robin Williams and Bob Weir, who last month joined Shepard and cast at a $250-a-plate [illegible] for the Magic. And the otherwise-intermittent ticket buyers who attend only the major happenings are leaping to catch three Oscar nominees — Penn, Harrelson and Nolte — onstage.

And through it all, the deafening refrain is that Shepard is returning to the place associated with some of his strongest work, to the theater that embraced him before he became a movie star. Like a long-lost, desert-dusted brother, he's back.

If only it were that easy.

Laureate with a lariat

"Sam has expressed some nostalgia to being back here," says Gammon, who plays Nolte and Penn's father in "Henry Moss." "But there's no need to get into the specifics of everything."

Sam Shepard, American theater's poet laureate with a lariat, has been a symbol of independence, rock 'n' roll rebellion and artistic experimentation since his earliest days as a playwright in the mid-'60s. He also has been consistently enigmatic — he undoubtedly took a few notes from Bob Dylan in 1975 when he joined the singer's Rolling Thunder Revue — and has had perhaps the greatest role in polishing his own mythic veneer. He has reinvented himself repeatedly and, when he has bothered himself with reporters, has provided inconsistent details of his life. (He declined many interview requests from the Mercury News.)

His lyrical, mythologically inclined plays are drawn from our most primal stories (the battle between Cain and Abel seeps into many of his plays, including "Henry Moss") and often are entrenched in the American West, the terrain of wide-open spaces and boundless possibilities, where the land is enchanted and hidden promise seems to lurk behind every tumbleweed — and where one can always head south if a problem arises. Inherent in many of his plays is the rootlessness that so many of Shepard's characters, and Shepard himself, have embodied.

Shepard has had mailing addresses in London, New York City, Marin County, Santa Fe, rural Virginia and Minnesota, among other places. Even at the height of his success, he confessed he'd never really felt at home anywhere.

So calling the production of "Henry Moss" — or anything that Shepard does — a "homecoming" might be seen as little more than disingenuous hype.

Samuel Shepard Rogers, an Army brat born on Nov. 5, 1943, in Fort Sheridan, Ill., moved with his family to South Dakota, Utah, Florida and Guam before his fifth birthday. Then his father relocated the clan to the Los Angeles suburbs, which in the '50s still bore hints of their rancho history.

Early start in New York

Shepard, who clashed violently with his alcoholic dad, worked on farms before he finally left home at 18 and hooked up with a touring theater troupe. He moved to Manhattan, fell in with jazz musicians and landed a job as a busboy at the Village Gate, the storied Greenwich Village jazz club. When he heard that the head waiter was starting a theater, Shepard submitted a play.

The upstart writer thrived in New York, a theater scene that had been greatly influenced by European playwrights (Shepard's early efforts owed a hefty debt to Samuel Beckett). Shepard joined forces with Joseph Chaikin, whose equally experimental "open theater" was another inspiration. Shepard's plays often were marked by undefinable characters and action that took place in real time. Plot was incidental if even present in these abstract, edgy pieces. Musicians were as likely to appear on Shepard's stage as were actors — not a stretch, really, considering that Shepard also had been the drummer with the Holy Modal Rounders, an absurdist folk-bluegrass group.

Within two years, Shepard was

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PREVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "The Late Henry Moss" by Sam Shepard, produced by the Magic Theatre

■ **WHERE:** Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St., S.F.

■ **WHEN:** Previews 8 tonight and Saturday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday; opens at 8 p.m. Tuesday; continues at 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays; through Dec. 17

■ **HOW MUCH:** $30-$65

■ **CALL:** 415-478-2277 or www.magictheatre.org

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L.A. actress finds a place on Berkeley Rep set



PAT CRAIG
One Hand Clapping

THE OTHER DAY, I mentioned to a friend that I was going to have lunch with Lauren Lane, who's opening in Berkeley Rep's "Dinner With Friends" next week.

"You know," I say, "she was in 'The Nanny,' played the girlfriend, C.C. Babcock, the one who eventually gets dumped for Fran Drescher's character."

You see the jaw drop and get this expression you'd normally see after confessing to subscribing to the National Enquirer for its ballet coverage.

"The Naaa Neee," my friend says, drawing out a wide chasm of condescension between the syllables, "I've never seen it; I don't watch that much TV."

OK, maybe I wasn't the most avid viewer of that sitcom, either, but I have a real problem with this odd attitude we seem to have about employment in the arts. While we network and engage in cell phone-jabber all the way to the top, we seem to like our artists poor, humble and unrecognized by all but a few of the cognoscenti.

While it's nice to believe poets should spend their days drifting down a trail of iambic pentameter, and actors can only retain their purity through performing in dank basement theaters down frightening alleys on the bad side of town. The truth is these artists live in the same reality the rest of us do, and cash flow is an important part of it.

"When I left ACT, I had $40,000 in loans to pay, so going to Los Angeles was a conscious decision," says Lane, who did stints on "Hunter" and "L.A. Law" before being cast in "The Nanny."

Hollywood term

She was 28 when she finished at ACT, and figured she had a good 10 years before disappearing into that void where Hollywood leading ladies seem to go at 35 or 40 and don't emerge from until they are old enough for character roles.

"It's true. If Martians landed and the only information they got was from television, they'd swear there were no women on earth in their 40s," she says. "That's nothing new, no surprise, but it is true."

As someone who has enjoyed a fair amount of success in Los Angeles, Lane has any number of options, ranging from remaining in Hollywood, returning to the stage for roles she enjoys or, as an older woman, trying to buck a system neither she nor anybody else has a real chance of changing.

Talking to her, it becomes apparent that this single mother of a 2½-year-old daughter is going to blend the first of these two options as best she can.

"I don't think I need to return to the stage because I have to position myself; that's really a bonus for coming to do the play here," she says. "And this really isn't any sort of career move, other than to be doing theater. I mean, people aren't going to come up from Southern California to see me, and say, 'I never imagined her as that,' or anything."

She figures those who weren't familiar with her stage work when she was in the ACT program might be surprised at the kind of acting she can do. On the other hand, she fully understands the high-hat attitude some hold toward television performers. It's no surprise to anyone that there are some on television who didn't get there from drama school — a number of them were models, or simply in the right place at the right time.

"They just have to come see us and give us a chance," she says.

There is a part of her that would like to do stage work, perhaps even join a repertory company. But the harsh reality is there aren't that many of those companies around, and the ones that do exist are far from the places where commercials and the other lucrative gigs that pay the bills are done.

"If I could choose where I lived, I don't think it would be Los Angeles, but the truth is that's where you can make a living," she says.

Leaving L.A.

So she balances, bringing someone along to care for her daughter, and not leaving Los Angeles long enough to drop out of the lifestyle there. But "Dinner With Friends" wasn't something she could turn down; circumstances surrounding the casting were just too serendipitous.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning Donald Margulies play, which looks at marriage and friendship at midlife, examines two couples whose lives are being radically changed by the breakup of one and the effect it has on the relationship of the other.



LAUREN LANE and Dan Hiatt star in "Dinner With Friends."

That's good stuff, but for Lane, it was a search for coffee beans that convinced her she should be part of this project.

She had picked up a friend at the Burbank Airport and, while driving back, stopped at a coffee store in a neighborhood far from home. There, she and the friend ran into Richard Seyd, who was directing "Dinner." Seyd and her friend knew each other quite well; Lane had met the director before, but wasn't really a close friend.

"So, all the time we were in there, he kept looking at me in a very strange way, one of those strange, intense looks, that made me think, either he's considering me for a project or he knows who I am but can't place me," Lane says. "Later that afternoon, he called and asked if I'd be interested in reading for (the part)."

She was, and within a few hours she had been cast.

"I just feel like I have to pay attention when stuff happens that way," she says.

"Dinner With Friends" is currently in previews at Berkeley Rep; it will officially open Wednesday and run through Jan. 5 in the theater at 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Tickets are $20.25-$51. Call 888-427-8849 or log onto www.berkeleyrep.org.

AMERICAN CITIZENS VIA AURORA: Allen McKelvey, founder and artistic director of American Citizens Theatre, which performed several seasons in Walnut Creek, will perform in "The Weir," opening Friday at Berkeley's Aurora Theatre Company. He spent most of his summer performing with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival.

"It's quite a difference, from the big outdoor Shakespeare to the small Aurora," says McKelvey. "You really can't get away with anything there — no tricks of the trade."

McKelvey is happy to be a part of this show, fresh from its Broadway run. The 1998 winner of the Olivier Award for best new play is set in a rural Irish bar, where men start telling stories in an effort to impress a young woman who has just moved into a house locals say is haunted. All goes well until the woman begins to tell her own tale.

The Conor McPherson play is a delight for McKelvey, but he is also working to reopen American Citizens. Currently, he is exploring possibilities of locating the company in Oakland.

"The Weir" opens Friday and runs through Dec. 17 in the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Tickets, at $26-$35, may be reserved by calling 510-843-4822.

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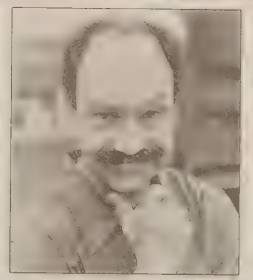
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not only part of the Village theater circle that included young Lanford Wilson and Terrence McNally, he was "the generally acknowledged 'genius' " of the off-off-Broadway circuit, according to The New York Times.

He married actress O-Lan Jones in 1969 and moved with her and their son Jesse to England in 1971. They returned to California in 1974, settling in Marin County. Shepard approached the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco about having his plays produced. "They told me I could maybe do them in the ACT basement or wherever," Shepard told an interviewer. "You know, with no public audience invited."

Playwright-in-residence

The Magic Theatre, a company founded in 1967 at the Steppenwolf Bar in Berkeley, was a better fit. Having staged Shepard's "La Turista" in 1970, the Magic enlisted him as its playwright-in-residence and began a five-year relationship that produced some of his most acclaimed work, including "True West," "Fool for Love" and the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Buried Child." Anyone around during that "holy time" in Bay Area theater, as actress Linda Hoy describes it, couldn't help but be aware of Shepard's presence.

Indeed, nearly everyone involved in theater in the late '70s and early '80s has a Sam Shepard story. There was the time he lassoed a pair of society types at a Magic event, tied them to a lamppost outside and abandoned them. And the time, after his Magic residency, he interrupted filming on "The Right Stuff" by wandering off the set to help his new buddy Chuck Yeager change the oil in his truck.

It was in 1979 that Shepard revealed in an interview that he felt "like I've never had a home, you know. I feel related to the country, to this country, and yet at the same time I don't know exactly where I fit in."

If he has a home, it isn't the Magic, any more than it's the house in Minnesota that he shares with actress Jessica Lange. It's the familiar topography of his plays, those seismic family dramas, that he keeps revisiting. Like the similarly Beckett-influenced Harold Pinter, who examines domestic life as both safe shelter and bone-crushing monster in "The Homecoming," Shepard has contributed to the post-Vietnam generation's definition of the modern family unit.

His plays are often built on the classic configuration of a father and two opposing sons, something they share with those two great American family dramas, Eugene O'Neill's "A Long Day's Journey Into Night" and Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman."

But "Arthur Miller's inquiry felt like my parents' generation's questions about what it is to be an American," says Larry Eilenberg, the Magic's artistic director. "Sam's really feel like mine. He has spoken to the questions I have about American identity as directly as any playwright who has written.

"In 'Buried Child,' he allowed the secrets of the family to represent some of the dark secrets that were inside our culture and which were 'keeping the corn from growing.' Growing up in the Vietnam era and feeling that a lot of dirty secrets needed to be unearthed, all of that is so potently American to me. ... They were my issues."

"Henry Moss," which Shepard started writing 10 years ago, is once again about two brothers. This time they are Earl and Ray Moss (Nolte and Penn), who return to their father's weathered adobe house, where they confront each other and their past. "In many ways, the battle between these two brothers is almost a sequel to what we see in 'True West,' " Eilenberg says. "The father's dead, and part of what they're unraveling, as is so often the case in the best of Sam's plays, are alternative versions of the past."

Not surprisingly, Shepard's father greatly informs "Henry Moss," Eilenberg says. In a 1997 interview in the Paris Review, Shepard said his last encounter with his dad almost erupted into a fistfight. He added that his father toiled on the edge until the very end: He was "running with a woman" in New Mexico and had a fight with her in a bar. When he dashed out in a huff, he was run over in the street and killed.

Getting back the Magic

Actor Gammon says the playwright-director hasn't revealed that his father was the inspiration for the title character in "Henry Moss," but "you might find out in conversation that his father impacted it. And there is of course this marriage of this other piece."

He is referring to "The Late Henry Conran," a short story by Frank O'Connor. Gammon suggests that the story — of an Irishman who comes home 25 years after abandoning his family — inspired "Henry Moss" and that Shepard plays off the humor in it.

"I think that struck him a little bit," says Gammon. "That combined with what was percolating within him."

When Shepard began looking last year to produce "Henry Moss," the Magic seemed the place. He already had his dream cast in mind, and Penn lives in Marin County, so a Bay Area production made sense. The Magic had successfully mounted the West Coast premiere of Shepard's "Eyes for Conseula" in February 1999. And the company had just bounced back from a financial crisis (it had been $150,000 in debt on an $800,000 budget), proving its resilience.

Plus, Eilenberg says, "he had good memories of the Magic and wanted to get back. What he sent to me was not a finished script, and I thought it was right up there with his very best work."

Aside from the memories and the countless stories, the most noticeable evidence of Shepard's legacy at the Magic is the 160-seat southside theater, renamed the Sam Shepard Theatre in 1998. "That really gave the Magic its identity," says Eilenberg. "So there's that wonderful sense of continuity and of connection."

Not to mention the late afternoon sounds of Shepard and cast rehearsing. "Maybe," Eilenberg says, "this says that you can go home again." Or maybe that wherever you lay your cowboy hat — and whatever territory you claim for your text — is home.

SHEPARD'S PLAYS

- **"Cowboys"** (1964)
- **"Chicago"** and **"Icarus' Mother"** (1965)
- **"La Turista"** and **"Red Cross"** (1966)
- **"Cowboy Mouth"** (with Patti Smith, 1971)
- **"The Tooth of Crime"** (1972)
- **"Geography of a Horse Dreamer"** (1974)
- **"Suicide in B-Flat"** (1976)
- **"Curse of the Starving Class"** (1976)
- **"Buried Child"** (1978)
- **"Savage/Love"** (with Joseph Chaikin, 1979)
- **"True West"** (1980)
- **"Fool for Love"** (1983)
- **"Simpatico"** (1994)
- **"The Late Henry Moss"** (2000)

AUDITIONS AND CLASSES

- **Actors Ensemble of Berkeley** — Auditions for "The Road to Mecca," 2 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday. A touching tale about an unusual old lady. Need two females, ages 60-70 and 25-35, and one male, 60-70. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. Information: 510-667-9827.
- **Argentine Tango Classes** — Four-week sessions, Fridays at the Lafayette Dance Center, 3369 Mt. Diablo Blvd., 7-8:30 p.m. for beginners, 8:30-10 p.m. for intermediates. $50 for four-week session, $15 per class for drop-ins. Information or to register: Jeanne, 925-283-0191 or e-mail genejeanne@home.com.
- **Bay Area Children's Theatre Company** — Registration open for "Annie Jr." Musical for children ages 5-18. Rehearsals held 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Performance is Dec. 17. First Congregational Church, 27th at Harrison, Oakland. Information: 510-444-4942.
- **California Theatre Arts** — Improv and scene-study acting classes for teens ages 13-18, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturdays through Dec. 9. Learn basics of acting and improvisation using theater games, techniques in voice, movement, scene analysis and character development. Registration: 925-944-0551.
- **Carolina Lugo's Brisas De España Flamenco Dance Company** — Flamenco and classical Spanish dance workshop for beginners, through Nov. 18. Technique in footwork, arms and rhythms. 1 p.m. Saturdays and 8 p.m. Thursdays. Dance Connection, 2956-1 Treat Blvd., Concord. 925-939-7850.
- **Pleasanton Civic Arts Youth Theatre Company** — Auditions for "Pinocchio," 3:30-6 p.m. Tuesday. Need ages 6-16, beginner or experienced. Pleasanton Veterans Building, 301 Main St. Information and appointments: 925-931-5350.
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- **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** — Auditions for "There Goes the Bride," 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19-20. An offbeat farce with a touch of fantasy. Need one woman, aged 20; four women, aged 20-60; and four men, 40-60 and up. Need to have British dialect and possess good comic timing. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Information: 510-524-9132 or visit their Web site at www.ccct.org.
- **Contra Costa Youth Orchestras I and II** — Auditions for 2000-'01 concert season. Violin, viola, cello and bass students, fifth-12th grades. Information: 925-254-5823.
- **Devil Mountain Chorus** — Seeking men who want to sing in four-part harmony, participating in music education sessions, songfests and show performances. Open to males ages 16-plus. Rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Trinity Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 2317 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek. Information: 925-938-7664.
- **Diablo Vista Chorus** — Seeking women to sing four-part harmony, with performance and musical education opportunities. Chorus rehearses 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays. Faith Christian Fellowship Church, 860 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. Information: 925-295-0985.
- **Diablo Video Arts** — 7-9 p.m. meetings first Tuesdays monthly at the Concord Library, 1950 Parkside Drive. Network with a mix of beginners, amateurs and professional videographers, screen your videos before a live audience and learn how to produce home videos. Information: Alan Goldsmith, 925-937-3325
- **Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers** — Accepting new members. Interested boys ages 7 and older are welcome. Rehearsal locations in San Francisco, Danville, Oakland and Hayward. Information: 415-431-1137 or 510-887-4311.
- **Miss Contra Costa/Greater East Bay Pageant** — Accepting applications. Women ages 17-24 who reside or attend school in Contra Costa or Alameda counties, are U.S. citizens and high-school graduates by June 2001 are eligible. Deadline is Jan. 9. Pageant to be held March 11. Information: Susan, 925-284-7352; or Floyd, 925-944-9827.
- **Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District** — Dance classes to be held at the Community Center's Dance Studio: "Gotta Dance," 8:30-9:25 p.m. Wednesdays Nov. 29-Jan. 17. Beginning and intermediate ballroom dancing with challenging dance patterns and emphasis on style and leads. Includes waltz, cha cha and swing. "Jump, Jive & Wail," 8:30-9:25 p.m. Tuesdays through Dec. 12 at the Senior Center, Building 2. Lead, follow, turn and spin with dance from the 1940s. 233 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Information and registration: 925-676-5200.
- **P.W.P. Productions** — Auditions for singers, dancers, actors, models, hosts, comedians and musicians for the "Best New Talent of the Year" competition, to be held Nov. 19 in Fairfield. Be seen by people who work in the entertainment industry. Competition will be held in Los Angeles the week of March 16. Applications: 707-864-6666
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To have an announcement considered, submit by noon the previous Friday. Address to the Times, Auditions, P.O. Box 8099, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-8099.



CUBA GOODING JR., right, with Carl Brashear, the man whose life he plays in "Men of Honor."

DIVIN

Oscar winner Cuba Gooding Jr. plays the first black Navy diver in latest film

By Cindy Pearlman
NEW YORK

IT BEGAN ON a cold fall day in Seattle. Cuba Gooding Jr. stood at the end of a pier, waiting to jump in, and he readily admits that he was nervous. The water was murky and dirty, but that wasn't it. It wasn't the garbage floating past him. The problem was that for weeks Gooding had been deluged with frightening facts

PROFILE

- **WHO:** Cuba Gooding Jr
- **WHAT:** Starring in "Men of Honor"

"I kept remembering my instructor saying, 'If you rush up to the top too fast, you could die,' " says Gooding, who stars in "Men of Honor," the true story of Carl Brashear, the first African-American Navy diver. "'If you don't keep breathing, you will die. If you don't breathe right, you could just end up passing out underwater, which is never good.'

"Your fear is what really paralyzes you," he says. "And I learned diving is like anything else — it's mind over matter."

Back on dry land at Toronto's Four Seasons hotel to promote the film, which opens today, Gooding can look back and laugh. And why not? The movie has generated some Oscar buzz and, more important, Gooding is convinced that he's accomplished what he set out to do.

"Brashear was just a footnote in history," the actor says. "We're bringing him to the masses. And I can honestly say this is the film I'm most proud of, because it's a lesson for kids and adults. I didn't know this part of history — I didn't know this diver existed, or how he made so many strides for African-Americans in the military."

Playing a real person is a challenge to an actor — especially when that person is close at hand and, as "Men of Honor" makes it clear, not the kind of guy to let mistakes go unremarked.

"Carl is very much still alive," Gooding says. "He was on the set every day. A lot of stuff that he did, emotionally and physically, was brought to life in front of him on the set."

The actor couldn't help wondering how Brashear would react to the re-creation of the accident that forced the amputation of his left leg.

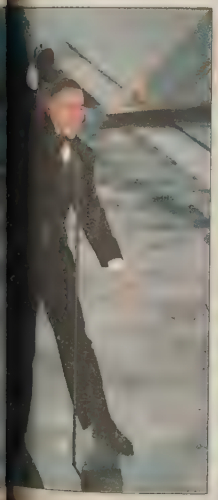
"My job as the actor was not to second-guess my actions," Gooding says. "But in the back of my mind, a little voice did keep saying, 'How is this going to affect Carl?'

"In the end, he was very good about it," Gooding recalls. "He never really voiced his opinion about anything, except to compliment me or tell me about military protocol."

The diving itself was the hardest part of the shoot. It took 45 minutes to get Gooding into his specially built wetsuit, and another hour afterward to get him out of it.

"Physically it was pretty tough," Gooding says. "I had never been diving before in my life before this movie. That's why the producers

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Carl Brashear is Gooding's high-est-profile part since his Oscar-winning performance in "Jerry Maguire" (1996). Since then the actor has played supporting roles in such high-profile projects as "As Good As It Gets" (1997) and "What Dreams May Come" (1998), and leading roles in less successful films such as "Instinct" (1999) and "The Chill Factor" (1999).

Still, the image that lingers for most fans is his ebullient acceptance speech at the 1996 Academy Awards, where he won the best supporting actor statuette for his performance as football player Rod Tidwell — a role that he'd actually won only after Damon Wayans dropped out.

Gooding was handed three pages of a script and told to report to the studio, where he auditioned opposite Jerry Maguire, as played by ... Robin Williams, whose part eventually went to Tom Cruise.

It all worked out well, says Gooding, who adds that he still feels the impact of the Oscar.

"It's almost like the studios can justify putting you in another movie," he says. "The statue gave me the opportunity to read more scripts."

Previously, he says, he had found that his breakthrough role in "Boyz N the Hood" (1991) had left him typecast, being offered roles only as thugs or homeboys.

"Frankly, I'm tired of seeing certain roles," Gooding says. "I started my first job as an actor doing a 'Hill Street Blues' as Thug No. 1 — I stabbed somebody. Then I was the runaway kid on another hour drama.

"Then came 'Boyz N the Hood,' which was a beautiful movie," he says. "But to me it was like, 'OK, I'm done with that genre.'

"After I made that decision, I saw all these prestigious movies that came out, with these big directors, and again they're talking about slavery or some street guy or some drug situation the blacks have overcome.

"But there are so many different stories to tell, like this one in 'Men of Honor,' " the actor says. "I just read a script that I loved about one of the first doctors to do open-heart surgery. These stories are amazing."

'Men of Honor' a formula flick, but charming actor keeps it afloat

By Mary F. Pols
TIMES STAFF WRITER

THERE ISN'T a single new idea in the well-intentioned but tedious military drama "Men of Honor," a by-the-numbers inspirational story if there ever was one.

You've got your saintly hero (Cuba Gooding Jr.) going up against a mountain of adversity to become the first black Navy Diver. Then there's the irascible commanding officer (Robert De Niro) who opposes him but nonetheless teaches him the code of honor he will carry with him all his life. A noble but tragic father provides the original inspiration and a good woman helps along the way. A story arc that alternates tests with rewards. And so forth.

A true story does provide the framework for this movie, and that, along with Gooding's great charm and sincerity, prevent "Men of Honor" from being a complete dud. Gooding's character, Carl Brashear, is based on a real person who overcame great adversity to break through the closed color ranks of the Navy's elite diving team in the 1950s and eventually became a Master Diver in the late 1960s. Gooding, who made his career on the infamous "Jerry Maguire" line "Show me the money," has given his all to the part, and he's so endearing that he almost transcends its predictability.

But De Niro's character, Master Diver Billy Sunday, never existed, and so he's had to be ordered straight from central casting. "I am God," Sunday announces to the poor unfortunates under his command, all of whom are trembling, save for the brave Brashear. De Niro shouts out orders, expletives, encouragement and bits of wisdom in the same tones. It's just indistinguishable barking, and it is exhausting to watch, like a dog who has been left on a chain all day. De Niro is over the top for most of the movie.

The two men first meet in the early 1950s in the South Pacific, where eager young recruit Brashear is serving as a cook on the U.S.S. Hoist. Sunday is already a Master Diver, and he's a cocky son of a gun. With Brashear watching, Sunday risks his life to save someone else and ends up with a lung condition that makes it impossible for him to dive ever again. He's a jerk, but he nonetheless inspires Brashear, a natural swimmer with great endurance, to become a diver.

Sunday is sent off to a school in New Jersey to train future divers. It takes Brashear two years and an extensive letter-writing campaign to gain admission to the school and then, when he does, Sunday is reluctant to admit him because he is black. Sunday taunts him, calling him "Cookie," but comes to grudgingly admire his determination. It's a bizarre character called Mr. Pappy (a masterful Hal Holbrook), the head of the school, who ultimately tries to stop Brashear from graduating. The scenes at the diving school are among the best in the movie, with Gooding at his most winning (he looks very fine in a pea coat). Look for a nice turn by Michael Rapaport as a stuttering swimmer named Snowhill who befriends him. It's also fascinating to see the kind of equipment deep sea divers used in those days, cumbersome suits with terrifyingly heavy looking brass helmets

But the diving school is also the setting for some showdowns that can't be forgiven. Alone in the barracks with Brashear the night before his final test, Sunday confronts him.

"Why do you want this so badly?" he says, sucking away at his pipe, his eyes squinting in classic De Niro style.

"Because they said I couldn't have it," Brashear tells him.

Oh please. Writer Scott Marshall Smith should be forced to write "I will try to be more creative" 500 times on the chalkboard.

There are some huge errors in casting. Charlize Theron plays Sunday's wife Gwen, who is always upset about something Sunday has done or not done. It's hard to tell what she's so mournful about. Could it be that Sunday drinks too much? But she drinks too much, too. So it's a mystery. Theron seems to be channeling the spirit of Jessica Lange in "Blue Sky," and it feels like an imitation she's not ready for. It doesn't help that the script requires her to age a good 15 years but we never see a change on her face, except that her lipstick gets more smeared as she gets older.

Another problem in casting is David Conrad (Bay Area residents who caught the American premiere of "Indian Ink" might recognize him as the secondary male lead from that Tom Stoppard play) as the villainous Lt. Hanks. He also has to age 15 years or so, and it's completely unbelievable. Was the makeup artist on vacation?

Logic also takes a well-timed holiday on a couple of occasions. When we first meet Sunday in the prologue, he's a deserter on his way to court martial. Later on, when the story picks up with the same time frame, he's been demoted multiple times and he's locked up in some sort of hospital for his chronic alcoholism. He's a mess. But when the plot calls for it, just a few weeks later, he's tidied up, back in snappy uniform and running another diving school. Somehow it seems unlikely that the Navy is this forgiving.

Perhaps the explanation was cut because the movie was running long. At over two hours, it feels far too long. During the crucial courtroom scene at the end, the evil Hanks calls for a recess until the next day when Brashear will face a physical challenge to determine whether or not he can return to diving. It's the kind of moment that makes you take a quick peek at your watch. Then Gooding says he wants to go ahead with the test right then, and you'll want to applaud him for wrapping up this formulaic exercise as soon as possible.

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Men of Honor"
- **STARRING:** Cuba Gooding Jr., Robert De Niro, Charlize Theron, Michael Rapaport
- **RATING:** R (language)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 9 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** C

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■ **Harvey Clars Estate Auction** — Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m. Antique and 20th century furniture, chests, rugs, fine jewelry and collectibles. Auction begins at 10 a.m. Free. Harvey Clars Estate Gallery, 5644 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-428-0100.

■ **Country Crafts Fair** — Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Nov. 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Christmas gifts, crafts and decorations. Free. Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. 925-937-8283.

■ **Country Folk Art Show** — Nov. 17, 5-9 p.m.; Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Featuring handcrafted products and decorating needs in the Country, Victorian, Northwoods and Southwestern themes and motifs. $7 general; $2 ages 9 and under. Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton. 248-634-4151.

■ **Goodguys Autumn Get-Together** — Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring more than 2,000 makes and models of hot rods, customs cars and trucks. $10 general; $8 seniors, $6 ages 7-2. Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton. 925-838-9876, www.good-guys.com.

■ **"It Takes a Community"** — Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Children's choirs, comedians, dance troupes, poets, writers and more. Call for prices. Pavilion Stage, Jack London Square, Oakland. 510-839-3678.

■ **Jack London Book and Paper Collectors Fair** — Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fine, antiquarian, out-of-print, first editions, autographed and inscribed books for sale. $6 general, $4 with ad. Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina, 200 Marina Blvd., Berkeley. 510-444-2159.

■ **Matador Marketplace** — Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Gift items, customized keepsakes, creative food items, raffle prizes, quilt silent auction. Supports the Parents' Club and school clubs. $25 includes 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. lunch. Miramonte High School Gym, Miramonte High School, 750 Moraga Way, Orinda. www.auhsd.org/miramonte/boutique.

■ **National Taiko Festival** — Saturday, 7 p.m., Sunday, 3 p.m. Features drum taiko performances from groups around the world, including a performance on the world's largest drum, $20-$32. Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988.

■ **Oakland Artisan Marketplace Opening Celebration** — Today, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arts and crafts by local artists and live performances by Kitka and Derique. Free. Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland. 510-238-4948.

■ **Red Oak Victory Veterans Day Event** — Saturday, 5-7 p.m. Memorial service aboard the Red Oak Victory ship, with post-service dance and hors d'oeuvres. $10 dance and hors d'oeuvres; service, free. Point Richmond, 1500 Dornan Drive, Richmond. 510-222-9200.

■ **Saint Mary's College Guild Holiday Boutique** — Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Holiday decorations, baked goods, cookbooks, white elephant gifts and entertainment books. Free. Saint Mary's College, 1928 St. Marys Road, Moraga. 925-631-4000.

■ **"Top of the Morning"** — Saturday, 8 a.m. The Alameda/Contra Costa Chapter of Links presents a benefit fashion show featuring winter trends for men and women. Reservations required. $25. Nordstrom, 12000 Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek. 510-596-6076, 510-529-1491.

■ **USS Hornet Goes to Sea** - Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Pilot briefings, flight simulators and more. Free. Alameda Point, Alameda. 510-521-8448.

■ **Veterans Cruise** — Saturday, 1:30 p.m. A two-hour history cruise aboard the USS Potomac. $15. Jack London Square, FDR Pier, Clay and Water streets, Oakland. 510-627-1215.

■ **Wine and Cheese Fund-Raiser** - Nov. 19, 2-4 p.m. Wine, cheese and "miniatures" to benefit Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society. $15. The Wine Steward at the Roxy, 461 Main St., Pleasanton. 925-462-4312.

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■ **Bay Area Islamic Art Fair** — Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Ceramics, photography, calligraphy, painting, video and tile mosaics. $5. San Francisco Arab Cultural Center, 2 Plaza Ave., S.F. 510-548-1929, www.amila.org

■ **Embarcadero Center Lighting Ceremony** — Nov. 17, 6 p.m. Pre-lighting family entertainment, food and activities, 4:30 p.m. With performance by local professional ice skaters at Embarcadero ice rink and fireworks finale. Free. Embarcadero Center, Justin Herman Plaza, S.F.

■ **Faux Queen Pageant** — Sunday, 8 p.m. $8-$20. Bottom of the Hill, 1233 17th St., S.F. 415-331-1500 Ext. 3438

■ **Festival Du Beaujolais** — Nov. 18, 7-9:30 p.m. Beaujolias wines, gourmet eats, silent auctions and entertainment, hosted by the French-American Chamber of Commerce. $40 general, $35 members. Radisson Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St., S.F. 415-398-2449

■ **Hats Off Luncheon** — Nov. 2111 a.m. Peter Magowan, president of the S.F. Giants, will be honored by the California Historical Society. $75. Palace Hotel, 2 New Montgomery St., S.F. 415-357-1848, www.calhist.org

■ **Independent Voices** — Monday, 7 p.m. A literary variety show with authors Chitra Divakaruni, Adam Hochschild, Alice Walker, the Word for Word Performing Arts Company and "West Coast Live" host, Sedge Thomson. $25. Cowell Theater, Fort Mason S.F. 415-487-4550, tickets 510-704-4448, www.ticketweb.com.

■ **Nutcracker Festival 2000** — Today-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The San Francisco Ballet Auxiliary presents eight Nutcracker shopping villages featuring holiday gifts for home, fashion and more. $15 general; $7 seniors and children age 5-17. Fort Mason Festival Pavilion, Marina Boulevard and Buchanan Street, S.F. 415-865-2000, www.sfballet.org.

■ **Palmer/Wirfs' Antique and Collectibles Show** — Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Traditional antiques including estate jewelry, rare books, jewelry, toys, art, and more. $5 general; $2 ages 12-17. Main Arena, Cow Palace, 2600 Geneva Ave., Daly City. 415-469-6000.

■ **Pier 39 Tree Lighting Celebration** — Nov. 19, noon to 5:30 p.m. Featuring appearances of Looney Tunes characters, The Animaniacs, a performance by the San Francisco Boys Chorus, and the lighting of the 65-foot Christmas tree. Free. Pier 39, Beach Street and The Embarcadero, S.F. 415-705-5500.

■ **The Ritual Expo** — Nov. 18, 3 p.m.-1 a.m. A showcase of fashion, art and photo exhibits, live music, artists, DJ culture, and merchandise. $12.50. The Fillmore, 1805 Geary Blvd., S.F. 415-346-3000

■ **San Francisco Clay and Glass Festival** - Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sale and exhibit of clay and glass works. $6 general, $5 students and seniors, free ages 12 and under. Herbst Pavilion, Fort Mason, Buchanan at Marina Blvd., S.F. 415-281-5888

■ **San Francisco Harvest Festival** — Today-Nov. 19. Fridays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. A showcase of handmade American arts and crafts in early 18th-century atmosphere, featuring woodcarvings, jewelry, ceramics and pottery, original oils and watercolors, and more. A portion of the proceeds go to the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer programs. $7.50 general; $6.50 seniors; $4 ages 6-12. A single admission is good for all six days of the Harvest Festival Concourse Exhibition Center, 635 Eighth St., S.F. 707-778-6300, 707-938-1133.

Spotlight



■ **WHAT:** "The Art of Grace Slick"

■ **WHEN:** Nov. 17-Dec. 31, gallery hours are 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays

■ **WHERE:** Artrock, 1155 Mission St., S.F.

■ **HOW MUCH:** Free

■ **CALL:** 415-255-7390, www.artrock.com

■ **THE SKINNY:** The onetime Bay Area rock singer has been drawing and painting since she was a child. Her exhibit features drawings and acrylic and watercolor paintings of — surprise! — rock stars, including Mick Jagger and Keith Richards (pictured), Bob Dylan, Jerry Garcia, Jimi Hendrix and more. There is an opening party 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at the gallery.

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San Francisco International Auto Show — Nov. 19-26. Nov. 19-25, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. More than 700 vehicles will be on hand, including the Batmobile, a vintage car collection from the Blackhawk Automotive Museum, a display of vintage Formula One race cars, manufacturer's concept vehicles, and electric cars. $7 general, free ages 12 and under. Moscone Convention Center, Howard Street, S.F. 415-331-4406, www.sfautoshow.com

San Francisco Wine Auction and Tasting — Sunday, 5-10 p.m. Wine, California cuisine and an auction. $60. Hyatt Regency, 5 Embarcadero Center, S.F. 415-255-7200.

West Coast Live Radio Show - Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon. Appearances by author Jeanette Winterson, Eve Ensler, playwright of "The Vagina Monologues," musician Big Lou and others with host Sedge Thomson. $12 general, $9 ages 12 and under and ages 65 and older. 3rd and Mission St., S.F. 415-864-9500,www.wcl.org.

NORTH BAY

American Canyon Crafts Boutique — Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Booths with crafts, antiques and collectibles. Free. 100 Benton Way, American Canyon. 707-642-9079.

Marin Center Holiday Doll Show and Sale — Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Featuring more than 100 dealers displaying antique and modern dolls, collectible carnival and character dolls, teddy bears, miniatures, and more. $5 general; $2 ages 12 and under. Exhibit Hall, Marin Center, Avenue of the Flags at Civic Center Drive, San Rafael. 415-472-3500.

Petaluma Holiday Crafts Fair — Today, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring hand-crafted gifts, food, beverages, and entertainment. Free. Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma. 707-778-4380.

Santa Rosa Christmas Crafts Faire 2000 — Saturday-Nov. 26. Crafts, gift foods, and live music in benefit for Russian River Watershed Protection Committee. $1.50. Call for hours. Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa. 707-869-0054.

PENINSULA

Cycle World International Motorcycle Show — Tonight, 5-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. State-of-the-art and classic motorcycles and accessories with stunt shows and more. $9 general, $4 ages 6-11, free ages 5 and under. San Mateo County Expo Center, 2495 South Delaware St., San Mateo. 800-331-5706.

Hollywood Collectors and Celebrities Show - Nov. 18-19,10 a.m.-5 p.m. Appearances by Linda Blair, Wil Wheaton and others. $10 general, free ages 16 and under. Clarion Hotel San Francisco Airport, 401 E. Millbrae Ave., Millbrae. 352-683-5110, www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com

The Peninsula Children's Auxiliary Festival of Trees — Today-Saturday. "Victorian Splendor," features decorated trees, a luncheon and vintage fashion show, a gala and a dinner dance. Proceeds benefit the Auxiliary. Call for schedule and prices. Ralston Hall, College of Notre Dame, 1500 Ralston Ave. Belmont. 650-306-0462, www.festivaloftrees.org

SOUTH BAY

The 2000 California Snowsports Expo — Nov. 17, noon to 10 p.m.; Nov. 18, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Nov. 19, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. A ski event featuring free-skiing demos and air shows, appearances by ski and snowboard celebrities, a special interactive children's snow park, and more. $10 general; free ages 11 and under. San Jose Convention Center. 282 Almaden Blvd., San Jose. 408-277-5277.

Santa Clara Coin, Stamp and Sports Card Show — Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. More than 350 dealers with rare coins, paper money, postage stamps, postcards, sports cards and sports memorabilia. $3 general; free children age 12 and under. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. 530-528-8329.

Theater

EAST BAY

Opening

Anniversary Productions — "Three Times Three," by Judith Offer, Sunday and Nov. 19, 3 p.m. Three original one-act plays set in Oakland. $15 general, $12 students and seniors. College Avenue Presbyterian Church, 5951 College Ave., Oakland. 510-444-8521.

Aurora Theatre — "The Weir," by Conor McPherson, Thursday-Dec. 17. A modern-day ghost story set in a pub in rural Ireland. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 and 7 p.m.; no performance Nov. 23. $30-$35. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-4822, www.auroratheatre.org.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre — "Dinner With Friends," by Donald Margulilies, tonight-Jan. 5. Tuesdays, Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Sundays, 7 p.m.; special times alternate Thursdays and Saturdays. Call for prices. 2025 Addison St. Berkeley. 510-845-4700, www.berkeleyrep.org.

Cal State Hayward — "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off," by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, tonight-Nov. 19. Presented by the CSUH Department of Theatre and Dance. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Nov. 19, 2 p.m. $12 general; $10 children and seniors; $8 students. University Theater, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward. 510-885-3261.

Expression Theatre Ensemble — "The Brute" and "A Marriage Proposal," by Anton Chekhov, Nov. 17-Dec. 17. Performances of two one-act farces. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 7 p.m. $12 general; $10 children and seniors. Clean Comedy Company, 2363 Boulevard Circle, Suite 106, Walnut Creek. 415-775-5658, 925-943-6252.

Lamplighters Music Theatre — "Greece, the Musical! or, Babes in Troyland," Saturday, 8 p.m. $50 general, $40 ages 12 and under. Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. 415-978-2787.

Ohlone College Department of Theatre and Dance — "Crashing Heaven," tonight-Nov. 18. tonight-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, 8 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m. $12 general; $10 students and seniors; $8 children; $5 high school students. Smith Center, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. 510-659-6031.

Playhouse West — "It Had To Be You," by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna, tonight-Dec. 10. A comedy about an aspiring actress and an unwitting television director. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 and 7 p.m. $16-$20. 1345 Locust St., Walnut Creek. 925-942-0300.

UC Berkeley — "Quick then End: Beckett Shorts," tonight-Nov. 19. Nine short works exploring the relationship between the living and the dead. Call for show times. $12 general; $8 faculty; $6 students and seniors. Durham Studio, UC Berkeley, Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 510-601-8932.

Willows Theatre Company — "Christmas on the Mountain," Monday-Dec. 31. The sequel to "Smoke on the Mountain." Call for show times. $25 general; $20 ages 65 and older; $15 ages 6-18. Willows Theatre, 1975 Diamond Blvd., Concord. 925-798-1300, www.willowstheatre.org.

Ongoing

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley — "Inherit the Wind," through Nov. 18. A courtroom drama based on the true story of a teacher teaching evolution in violation of state law. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Call for ticket prices. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. 510-525-1620.

Center Repertory Company — "The Real Thing," by Tom Stoppard, through Nov. 18. A successful writer attempts to balance his professional and personal life. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m. $21-$26 general; $19-$24 seniors; $17-$21 children. Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, Lesher Theatre, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. 925-943-7469.

Chanticleers Theatre — "Beau Jest," by James Sherman, through Nov. 25. Much to the dismay of her traditional Jewish family, Sarah is an unmarried 30-year-old. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 7 p.m. $12 general; $10 students and seniors. 3683 Quail Ave., Castro Valley. 510-733-5483.

Pleasanton Civic Arts — "Here's Love," through Dec. 10. The musical version of "Miracle on 34th Street." Call for show times. $15 general; $10 youth and seniors. Amador Theater, Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. 925-931-3455.

Clayton Valley High School — "The Crucible," through Nov. 18, 7 p.m. $5. Multi-use Room, 1101 Alberta Way, Concord. 925-682-7474, Ext. 2678.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre — "Arsenic and Old Lace," by Joseph Kesselring, through Nov. 18. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. $10 general; $6 ages 16 and under. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132.

Contra Costa College — "To Sir, With Love," through Nov. 19. The story of a young black teacher, his encounter with racial intolerance, and his attempt to educate a group of adolescents. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. $8 general, $6 students and seniors. Performing Arts Center, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo. 510-236-3323.

Diablo Valley College — "Man of La Mancha," closing Sunday. Tonight and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m. $15 general; $13 seniors; $12 students. Performing Arts Center, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. 925-687-4445, www.dvc.edu.

Impact Theatre — "Impact Briefs 4: Impact Smackdown!," through Nov. 18. A festival of short new comedies. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. $10 general; $5 students. La Val's Subterranean Theater, 1834 Euclid at Hearst, Berkeley. 510-464-4468 or www.impacttheatre.com

Las Positas College Theater Arts Department — "Nijinsky: God's Mad Clown," by Glenn Blumstein, closing Sunday. Call for times. $10 general; $7 students and seniors. Las Positas College Performing Arts Building, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. 925-373-5812.

The Madison — "Murder Dressed in Satin," by Victor Lawhorn, ongoing. A mystery-comedy dinner show. $47.50. Lake Merritt Hotel, 1800 Madison St., Oakland. 510-239- 2252, www.acteva.com/go/havefun.

Masquers Playhouse — "The Secret Garden," by Marsha Norman, through Dec. 18. Orphaned in India in 1906 at the age of 11, Mary Lennox is sent to Yorkshire to live with her reclusive uncle and his invalid son. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 26, Dec. 3 and 10, 2:30 p.m. $12. 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. 510-232-4031.

OnStage Theatre Company — "An Act of the Imagination," through Nov. 18. A thriller about a mystery writer and his latest work. Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 p.m.; $10 general; $8 students and seniors; $5 Thursday shows. School House Culture Center. 2050 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill 925-944-9006

St. Mary's College — "Iphigenia and Other Daughters," by Ellen McLaughlin, closing Sunday. The dangerous women of Greek legend come to life in this comic drama. Call for show times. $10 general, $8 students; $5 St. Mary's staff, faculty and students. LeFevre Theater, 1928 St. Marys Road, Moraga. 925-631-4670

Speakeasy Theatre — "Brain In a Box," by Andrea Mock, closing Saturday. A young computer geek battles a recurring nightmare. Tonight and Saturday, 8 p.m. $10-$12. 2016 Seventh Street, Berkeley. 510-601-8932, www.ticketweb.com.

Cameron Stanford House — "Lovely!," by Brenda Krantz, through Nov. 22. Eureka Theatre presents a dark comedy about a British family. Mondays-Wednesdays, 8 p.m. $25 1418 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. 415-788-7469

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■ **Town Hall Theatre** — "Purely Porter: The World According to Cole," through Nov. 19. Musical revue. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 7 p.m. $11-$20. 3535 School St., Lafayette. 925-283-1557.

■ **Victoria's Hair On Stage** — "Reel Blondes 2001: The Best of the Blondes!" through May 19. Saturdays, 7 and 9 p.m. $26. 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. $26. 925-820-8333.

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Opening

■ **Actor's Theatre of San Francisco** — "Popcorn," Nov. 17-Dec. 16. A comic commentary questioning a filmmakers responsibility for violence in modern film. Call for show times. $20-$35. Actor's Theatre S.F., 533 Sutter St., S.F. 415-296-9179.

■ **Beach Blanket Babylon** — "Seasonal Extravaganza," Wednesday-Dec. 31. Snow White continues her musical tour around the world, with special holiday performances of dancing Christmas trees, takeoffs of Christmas carols, and Yuletide hats. Call for show times. $25-$62. Club Fugazi, 678 Beach Blanket Babylon Blvd. (formerly Green Street), S.F. 415-421-4222.

■ **Center for African and African American Art and Culture** — "Relationships," by David Glover, Nov. 17-19. The story of one man's involvement in a series of romantic relationships. Call for prices and times. 762 Fulton St., S.F. 415-928-8546.

■ **City College of San Francisco** — "Picnic," tonight-Nov. 18. The effect of a handsome new-arrival on the lives of four women in a small Kansas town. Tonight-Nov. 17, 8 p.m.; Nov. 18, 2 p.m. Diego Rivera Theatre, City College of San Francisco, 50 Phelan Ave., S.F. 415-239-3132.

■ **Exit Theatre** — The Whistleaires' Big Christmas Special, "More Fun Than a Fruitcake," Dec. 1-16. A Christmas variety show. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. $14 general; $10 students and seniors. Previews Nov. 30, 8 p.m. $10. 156 Eddy St., S.F. 415-673-3847.

■ **Lorraine Hansberry Theatre** — "Black Nativity," by Langston Hughes, Nov. 24-Dec. 24. A musical weaving Hughes' poetry with narration and gospel music to recall the traditional Christmas story of the birth of Christ. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 4 p.m. $22-$30. 620 Sutter Street, S.F. 415-474-8800.

■ **Il Teatro** — "Harold's Death," workshop through Nov. 18, runs Jan. 12-Feb. 10. The Working Women Festival presents a comedy centered on Shea, a woman searching for love, and her grandfather, who stubbornly fights the computer age. $15-$20 general, $2 discount for students, seniors and groups. 449 Powell St., S.F. 415-433-1172.

■ **Intersection for the Arts** — "References to Salvador Dali Make Me Hot," by Jose Rivera, Thursday-Dec. 10. Thursday-Sunday, 8 p.m.; no performance Nov. 23. $9-$15. 446 Valencia St., S.F. 415-626-3311.

■ **The Marsh** — "Great Religions of America," previews through Nov. 30; show runs Dec. 1-16. Four characters fight it out in the waiting room of a high stakes corporate mediation firm. Thursdays-Saturdays 8 p.m. $10-$15. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St., S.F. 415-826-5750.

■ **Nightletter Theater** — "The Waiting Room," Nov. 25-Dec. 17. A performance that utilizes performers, live music, video and an interactive installation to explore primitive psychic urges. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2 and 7 p.m. $15 general; $12 students and seniors. Benefit performance, Nov. 27, includes reception. $25. A Traveling Jewish Theatre, 470 Florida St., S.F. 415-978-0921.

■ **New Conservatory Theatre Center** — "Debunking Love," Nov. 18-Jan. 6. A young Asian-American novelist with writer's block finds love in all the wrong places. $15-$25. 25 Van Ness Avenue, S.F. Call for times. 415-861-8972.

■ **Orpheum Theatre** — "Mamma Mia," Nov. 17-Jan. 7. A musical based on the songs of ABBA. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, 2 p.m. Special time Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. $35-$75 general; $33-$68 previews Wednesday and Thursday. Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market St., S.F. 415-512-7770.

■ **San Francisco State University** — "M. Butterfly," by David Henry Hwang, tonight-Nov. 19. Thursdays and Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. $11 general; $9 students and seniors. Little Theatre, Creative Arts Building, 1600 Holloway Ave., S.F. 415-338-2467.

■ **Shelton Theatre** — "The Cherry Orchard," by Anton Chekov, Nov. 17-Dec. 22. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. $22.50-$29.50 general; $15 students. 533 Sutter St., S.F. 415-419-8368.

■ **West Coast Playwrights** — "Never Say Grace," Nov. 18-Dec. 9. A dramatic comedy exploring one woman's journey to reconcile her relationship with a controlling, petulant mother. Call for show times. $15-$18. Phoenix II Theatre, 655 Geary St., S.F. 415-567-3005.

Ongoing

■ **Alcazar Theater** — "The Vagina Monologues," by Eve Ensler, through Dec. 3. Based on a series of interviews with a diverse group of women ranging from a Long Island antique dealer to a Bosnian refugee. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Fridays, 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 5 and 8:30 p.m.; Sundays, 3 and 7 p.m. $30-$45. 650 Geary St., S.F. 415-478-BASS, www.vaginamonologues.com.

■ **American Conservatory Theater** — "Misanthrope," by Moliere, through Nov. 19. A comedy of two unsuited lovers. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 2 and 8 p.m. $15-$61. Geary Theater, 415 Geary St., S.F. 415-749-2228.

■ **Bannam Place Theater** — "Lusty Liaisons" by Geoffrey Chaucer, through Nov. 18. A clerk tricks a carpenter into believing that Noah's flood is coming again in order to clear the way for bedroom antics with the carpenter's wife. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. $20-$25 general; $15-$20 students and seniors. 50 A Bannam Place, S.F. 877-424-2823, www.chaucertheatre.org.

■ **Build** — "Fear and Misery of the Third Reich," by Bertolt Brecht," through Nov. 18. Written during the infancy of Hitler's dictatorship. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. $10. 483 Guerrero, S.F. 415-751-0439

■ **Cable Car Theater** — "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," open-ended. This comedy invites the audience to take part in a wacky wedding while also enjoying a full-course dinner. Fridays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. $65-$75. 430 Mason St., S.F. 800-660-8462.

■ **George Coates Performance Works** — "R. Buckminster Fuller: The History (and Mystery) of the Universe," through Dec. 3. A one-man play based on the life and writings of visionary thinker-inventor-philosopher Buckminster Fuller. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 and 7 p.m. $30-$35 110 McAllister, S.F. 415-392-4400

■ **Compagnie Cahin-Caha** — "Cirque Bâtard," through Nov. 19. A performance of circus, dance, and song with French circus artists. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. $28 Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Forum, 701 Mission St., S.F. 415-978-2787, www.sfperformances.org

■ **Crowded Fire Theater Company** — "A Murder of Crows," through Nov. 18 A dark satire on American heartland values. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. $12-$18. Exit Stage Left, 156 Eddy St. S.F. 415-675-5995

■ **The Custom Made Theatre Company** — "Lies and Legends: The Musical Stories of Harry Chapin," through Nov. 19. A musical celebrating the life of Harry Chapin. Thursdays-Saturdays. 8:30 p.m.; Sundays, 7:30 p.m. $18 general; $15 students and seniors Theater Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F. 415-861-5079, www.CustomMade.org.

■ **Eastenders Repertory Company** — "June Bug Music," by Charles E. Polly, closing Monday. The story of a family transformed by revelations of past deeds. $18-$20. Tonight and Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m.; Monday, 8:30 p.m. Magic Theatre, Fort Mason Center, Buchanan Street and Marina Boulevard., S.F. 510-434-0734.

■ **Ehrer Theatre** — "Six Characters in Search of an Author," by Luigi Pirandello, closing Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Six family members go to a theater and demand that the director and actors stage their life story. $3-$5. 755 Ocean Ave., S.F. 415-333-4021.

■ **Exit Theatre** — "Arrivals/Departures," through Dec. 9. A Shotgun Players production about interpersonal relationships. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; no performances Thursday, Nov. 24, 25 and 26. $10-$20. 156 Eddy St., S.F. 510-655-0813.

■ **Footloose** — "Serial Murderess," through Dec. 3, An investigation of the reasons that drive three women to kill. Thursdays-Sundays, 8 p.m. $12-15. "Women's Work," through Nov. 28. A multi-disciplinary showcase for emerging and established artists to present new work. Tuesday-Wednesday, 8 p.m.: "Tales in a Tiny Box," presented by Huckabay McAllister Dance Company. Nov. 21, 8 p.m.: Christine Collins' "Love, Sex, and Other Minor Misunderstandings," Gaetana Caldwell-Smith's "Something New is Painful, or the Tragic Joy of the Certainty of Uncertainty on a Little Clod of Atom," Suzanne Saltmarsh's "Blinds," "Untitled poem by Bertolt Brect," and Brenton Cheng's "Safety." $6-$10. Venue 9, 252 Ninth St., S.F. 415-289-2000.

■ **Lorraine Hansberry Theatre** — "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," through Nov. 19. Set in Chicago in 1927, the play explores challenges facing black musicians and artists in an industry controlled by whites. $ 22-$30. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter St., S.F. 415-474-8800.

■ **Institute for Unpopular Culture** — "Meet John W.T.O.," through Nov. 18. The story of a cartoonist in Seattle during the protest of the World Trade Organization. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. $9-$15. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St., S.F. 415-621-7978.



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■ **Magic Theatre** — "The Late Henry Moss," through Dec 17. The world premiere of Sam Shepard's play starring James Gammon, Woody Harrelson, Cheech Marin, Nick Nolte, Sean Penn, Sheila Tousey. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St., S.F. 415-441-8822, www.magictheatre.org.

■ **Marines Memorial Theatre** — "Stomp," open-ended. Tuesdays-Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 5 and 9 p.m.; Sundays, 3 and 7 p.m. $25-$45. 609 Sutter St., S.F. 877-771-6900, 415-478-6233

■ **Mason Street Theatre** — "Shear Madness," open-ended. A comic whodunit set in a unisex hair salon with audience participation. Tuesdays-Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.; Sundays, 3 and 7:30 p.m. $34. 340 Mason St., S.F. 415-982-5463.

■ **New Conservatory Theatre Center** — "A New Brain," by William Finn and James Lapine, through Jan. 9. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; no performance Nov. 23. $16-$32. 25 Van Ness Avenue, S.F. Call for times. 415-861-8972.

■ **The Omni Circus Theatre** — "Mimzwhim," by John O'Keefe, through Dec. 18. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Dec. 4, 8 p.m. $13. 550 Natoma St., S.F. 415-701-0686 or 510-237-7415.

■ **Phoenix Theatre** — "Dutchman" by LeRoi Jones and "Desdemona" by Paula Vogel, closing Saturday. Bare Bones Theatre presents two emotionally charged one-acts $15 Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. 655 Geary St., S.F. 415-359-0880

■ **Phoenix II Theatre** — "hamlet (the melancholy dame)," through Nov. 18. Presented by Woman's Will. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. $10-$18. 653 Geary St., S.F. 415-567-1758.

■ **Playbrokers** — "Before Death Comes for the Archbishop," by Elaine Romero, Monday, 7:30 p.m. A reading and audience discussion of this work in progress. $10. ODC Theatre, 3153 17th St., S.F. 415-863-9834.

■ **Pride Season Vi: Body And Soul** — "Corpus Christi," by Terrence McNally, through Jan. 6. A story of a modern gay Christ-like figure and his relationships with the 12 disciples. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays Nov. 26, Dec. 3 and 31, 2 p.m. $15-$35. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave., S.F. 415-861-8972.

■ **7th Note Showclub** — "Miss Desmond Behind Bars," by Mark Goff and Leo Savalas, open-ended. A well-known silent screen star is due to begin a life sentence for the murder of the young gold-digging, ghost writer she loved and whose murder she has managed to wipe from her memory. Tuesdays-Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 5 and 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 and 7 p.m. $25-$35. 915 Columbus Ave., S.F. 415-931-9500

■ **Shadow Light** — "Tales from Native California: Coyote's Journey," closing Sunday. Performance of Native California stories following the adventures of Coyote. Tonight, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday 7 p.m. $12. SOMArts Theater, 934 Brannan St., S.F. 415-648-4461.

■ **Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts** — AIRspace (Artists in Residence), a works-in-progress, performance lab series that allows emerging gay/lesbian/bi/transgender artists studio time to rehearse performance pieces through Nov. 17. "The Day I Kissed Mike Sanchez" by Craig Acosta Rowe, tonight. "Original Blessing" by Federico Hewson, Nov. 17. Shows at 8:30 p.m. $5-$10 donation. Studio Lab, 1519 Mission St., S.F. 415-554-0402.

■ **Teatro Zinzanni** — "Love, Chaos and Dinner," ongoing. Trapeze artists, clowns, musicians and body juggling waiters perform during a six-course dinner. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 6:30 p.m.; Sundays, 5:30 p.m. $125. Le Palais Nostalgique, Pier 27/29, The Embarcadero and Battery Street, S.F. 415-438-2668, 510-601-8932, www.ticketweb.com.

■ **Theatre Rhinoceros** — "Naked Boys Singing!" through Nov. 19. The show features seven nude performers singing 16 original songs. Wednesdays-Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 5 and 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 and 7 p.m. $25-$30. 2926 16th St., S.F. 415-861-5079.

■ **A Traveling Jewish Theatre** — "God's Donkey: A Play on Moses," through Nov. 19. A theatrical update of the 3,000-year-old story of Moses and the liberation of the Jews from Egypt. Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 and 7 p.m. $22.50. 470 Florida St., S.F. 415-399-1809.

■ **The Victoria Theater** — "Cleopatra: The Musical," through Dec. 2. Gender-bending musical parody of the Caesar/Cleopatra/Anthony love triangle. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 7 p.m. $12-$22. 2961 16th St., S.F. 415-861-5079.

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Ongoing

■ **Benicia Old Town Theatre Group** — "Benicia Follies," closing Sunday. An irreverent look at the history and current events of life in Benicia. Tonight and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m. $12 general; $10 students and seniors. BDES Hall, 140 West J St., Benicia. 707-551-4641.

■ **Fairfield Civic Theatre** — "The All Night Strut," closing Sunday. A musical review of the songs of the 1920s and 1930s. Tonight and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. $10 general; $8 students and seniors. Fairfield Center for the Creative Arts, 1035 West Texas St., Fairfield. 707-864-1000.

■ **GibsonHouse Mystery Performers** — "Murder by Merlot," a wine tasteless event, ongoing. Prizes awarded to winning sleuths. $37 includes show and three-course dinner. Gina's, 920 First St., Benicia. 707-745-8811.

Film

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■ **The Berkeley Video and Film Festival 2000** — Nov. 18-19. Screenings of documentaries, features, short features, animation, comedy, commercials, educational and art video and film works. $8. Screenings begin at 2 p.m. Call for a complete schedule of listings. Fine Arts Cinema, 2451 Shattuck, Berkeley. 510-843-3699, 510-848-1143.

■ **Fine Arts Cinema** — Land and Freedom: Two by Doug Wolens, featuring "Butterfly," 7:30 p.m. and "Weed," 9:05 p.m. Monday-Nov. 17. Call for prices and show times. 2451 Shattuck, Berkeley. 510-654-6346, 510-848-1143.

■ **Golden Gate Geographic Society Travel Film Series** — "Jerusalem!" closing Saturday. Rick Ray presents his film of legendary sites including the Dome On the Rock, the Western or "Wailing" Wall, the Via Delarosa, Bethlehem and the Mount of Olives. Tonight, 7:45 p.m.: Chabot College Performing Arts Center, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward. Saturday, 2 p.m.: Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. $9. 800-247-4447, 650-347-3636.

■ **La Lesbian Film Festival** — Saturday-Sunday. Featuring several films including "Weeki Watchee Girls," "Julie and Me," "Dreadlocks," "Mute Love," "Desert Hearts," "Tall in the Saddle," "Black Sheep," and more. Call for a complete schedule of listings. $7 general; $4.50 disabled; $35 festival pass. Fine Arts Cinema, 2451 Shattuck, Berkeley. 510-654-6346, 510-848-1143.

■ **Pacific Film Archives** — Best of Ottawa Animation Festival 2000, Saturday. The Mind and the World: Margaret Mead Film and Video Festival, through Dec. 1. "Doon School Chronicles," tonight, 7 p.m. "Seven Songs from the Tundra," Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; "Devotion," 5:15 p.m.; "Zinat, A Special Day," 7:30 p.m. Arab Identity, featuring "Films from the Arab Diaspora, " Monday, 7:30 p.m. Video Dance Artist-in-Person, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Featuring avant-garde choreographer Charles Moulton. Call for complete schedule. New PFA Theater, 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 510-642-1412, www.uampfa.berkeley.edu/pfa.

■ **Parkway Speakeasy Theater** — "Dr. T and the Women," "Almost Famous," and "Legend of the Drunken Master," tonight-Thursday. Call for show times. $5. 1834 Park Blvd., Oakland. 510-814-2400, www.picturepub pizza.com.

■ **Raw Stock Film Festival** — Through Saturday, 7 p.m. A community and education-based film festival, featuring films, videos, workshops, and discussions with filmmakers and scholars challenging popular film and TV stereotypes. $5. Lucy Sterns Building, Mills College, Oakland. 510-430-3226.

■ **Warren Miller's "Ride"**— Cutting-edge skiing and snowboarding set to a contemporary soundtrack. Thursday, 6 and 9 p.m.; Nov. 17, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.; Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Nov. 25, 8 p.m.: Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Call for prices. 762-BASS, www.warrenmiller.com.

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■ **Kabuki Theater** — San Francisco Film Society and the Italian Cultural Institute present NICE (New Italian Cinema Events), Monday-Nov. 19. A showcase of new Italian films. "Adua and Her Friends," Monday, 7:30 p.m. "Passionate Blood," Tuesday, 7 p.m. "Rosa and Cornelia," Tuesday, 9:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. "An Affair of Love," Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m. "Before the Dusk," Thursday, 9:30 p.m. $8 general; $7 members. 1881 Post St., S.F. 415-922-4262, www.amcthestres.com.

■ **Red Vic Movie House** — "Phish: Bittersweet Motel," through Saturday. "Wings of Desire," Sunday-Monday. "The Original Kings of Comedy," Tuesday-Wednesday. "Richard Pryor: Live on the Sunset Strip," Thursday. Call for show times. $6.50 general; $3 children and seniors; $4.50 matinee. 1727 Haight St., S.F. 415-668-3994.

■ **Warren Miller's "Ride"**— Cutting-edge skiing and snowboarding set to a contemporary soundtrack. Thursday, 6 and 9 p.m.; Nov. 17, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon St., S.F. 762-BASS, www.warrenmiller.com.

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For more information, contact the Cocoanut Grove hotline at 831-423-2053.

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Dec. 3-5
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Dec. 3
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT COLTON HALL
831-646-3866

This colorful event takes place on the historic grounds of Colton Hall. Featuring live Christmas music, caroling and the dramatic lighting of the 35-foot live fir tree. Santa Claus will also be on hand to greet the children.

Dec. 5
HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL
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■ **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art** — "Friendly Witnesses: The Worlds of Warren Sonbert," through Dec. 17. A retrospective exhibit of the late avant-garde filmmaker. Eight programs detailing the influences, style, and themes of Sonbert's work on Sundays. "Gregory Markopoulos as Mentor, Stan Brakhage as Hero," Sunday, 1 p.m.; "Early Influences: Andy Warhol and Gerard Malanga," 3:30 p.m. $9 general; $6 seniors; $5 students; free members and ages 12 and under. 151 Third Street, S.F. 415-357-4000.

■ **Yerba Buena Center for the Arts** — "Extreme Teens," through Jan. 28. A daytime video series featuring new work made by or in collaboration with teenagers in conjunction with the "Juvenilia" show. "Da Bomb Mad Media," Thursdays and Fridays. "Colors Straight Up," Saturdays. "Peace of Mind: Coexistence Through the Eyes of Palestinian and Israeli Teens," Sundays. "School Days" and "TL Christmas," Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Teensploitation! film series opening tonight. "Foxes" (1980) tonight, 8 p.m. Call for a complete schedule of listings. 701 Mission St., S.F. 415-978-2700, www.YerbaBuenaArts.org.

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■ **The 2000 Italian Film Festival** — Through Nov. 18. All films in subtitles. Suggested for mature audiences. "La Balia (The Wet Nurse)," Saturday. "Cosi E La Vita (That's Life)," Nov. 18. $9.75. Shows at 8 p.m. Showcase Theatre, Marin Center, Avenue of the Flags at Civic Center Drive, San Rafael. 415-472-3500, www.italianfilm.com.

■ **Rafael Film Center** — "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport," opening tonight. "Venus Beauty Institute," tonight-Thursday. Cinema Africa!, featuring "Hyenas," Wednesday, 7 p.m. Call for a complete schedule of listings and prices. 1118 Fourth Street, San Rafael 415-454-1222, www.rafaelfilmcenter.org.



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■ **Barnes & Noble/Berkeley:** 2352 Shattuck Ave. 510-644-0861. All events begin at 7:30 p.m. **Tonight:** Arnaud Maitland, "Master Work: Master of Time." **Monday:** Darren Main, "Spiritual Journeys Along the Yellow Brick Road." **Tuesday:** Carista Luminare-Rosen, Ph.D., "Parenting Begins at Conception." **Wednesday:** Shar Rednour, "The Femme's Guide to the Universe." **Thursday:** Richard Blair and Kathleen Goodwin, "Point Reyes Visions."

■ **Barnes & Noble/Pleasant Hill:** 552 Contra Costa Blvd. 925-609-7060. **Saturday:** Former play-by-play announcer for the S.F. Giants and N.Y. Yankees Hank Greenwald, "This Copyrighted Broadcast," 1 p.m.

■ **Barnes & Noble/Richmond:** 4000 Klose Way. 510-222-3266. **Sat.:** Natalya Lebauve, "Tale from a Square Sista's Hood," 7 p.m. **Sun.:** Dr. Jett Psaris and Dr. Marlena Lyons, "Undefended Love," 4 p.m. **Wed.:** John H. McWhorter, "Losing the Race," 7:30 p.m.

■ **Barnes & Noble/Walnut Creek:** 1149 South Main St. 925-947-0373. All events begin at 7:30 p.m. **Tuesday:** William Patrick Patterson, "Struggle of the Magicians." **Wednesday:** Alev Lytle Croutier, "The Palace of Tears." **Thursday:** Actress Charmian Carr, "Forever Liesl: A Memoir of the Sound of Music."

■ **Black Oak Books:** 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-486-0698. All events begin at 7:30 p.m. **Sunday:** Karen Finley, "A Different Kind of Intimacy: The Collected Works of Karen Finley." **Monday:** Lynn Stegner, "Pipers at the Gates of Dawn." **Tuesday:** Mathew Fox, "One River, Many Wells: Wisdom Springing from Global Faiths." **Wednesday:** Mary Palevsky, "Atomic Fragments: A Daughter's Questions." **Thursday:** Eric Bogosian, "Mall."

■ **Borders Books and Music:** 121 Crescent Drive, Pleasant Hill. 925-686-4835. **Saturday:** Children's author Eileen Doran-Smith, "How the Youngest Angel Learned to Fly" and "The Cloud Painter," 1 p.m.

■ **Cody's:** 1730 Fourth Street, Berkeley. 510-559-9500. **Thursday:** Luisah Teish, "Jump Up: Seasonal Celebrations from the World's Deep Traditions," 7 p.m.

■ **Cody's:** 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-7852. All events begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. **Saturday:** George R.R. Martin, "A Storm of Swords." **Sunday:** Sara Jane Olson, "Serving Time: America's Most Wanted Recipes," 3 p.m. Poetry Flash with fiction writer Thaisa Frank and poet Molly Fisk. **Tuesday:** Thomas Frank, "One Market Under God: Extreme Capitalism, Market Populism, and the End of Democratic Capitalism." **Wednesday:** Poetry Flash with Koon Woon and Truong Tran. **Thursday:** Paul Hawken, "Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution."

■ **Diesel:** 5433 College Avenue, Oakland. 510-653-9965. **Sunday:** Publication party for Katherine Sturtevant, "At the Sign of the Star," 4 p.m.

■ **Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore:** 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-3533. **Tuesday:** Linda Watanabe McFerrin, "The Hand of Buddha," 7:30 p.m.

■ **Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore:** 1617 Locust St., Walnut Creek 925-947-6660. **Thurs.:** John Weil, "City Smart: Berkeley/Oakland," 7:30 p.m.

■ **Mama Bears Women's Books:** 6536 Telegraph, Berkeley. 510-428-9684. **Monday:** Eve Ensler, "The Vagina Monologues," 7:30 p.m.

■ **The Storyteller:** 30 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. 925-284-3480. **Saturday:** Children's author Sylvia Long, "Deck the Halls," 10:30 a.m.

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■ **California College of Arts and Crafts:** Timken Lecture Hall, 1111 Eighth Street, S.F. 415-703-9500 **Tonight:** Poet, essayist, and translator Lyn Hejinian, 7:30 p.m.

■ **A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books:** Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness, S.F. 415-931-9248. All events begin at 7:30 p.m. **Tonight:** Frances Mayes, "In Tuscany." **Monday:** Karen Finley, "A Different Kind of Intimacy: The Collected Works of Karen Finley." **Tuesday:** William Berger, "Verdi with a Vengeance: An Energetic Guide to the Life and Complete Works of the King of Opera." **Wednesday:** An Alice Adams Tribute. Friends Millicent Dillon, Judy Rascoe, and David Thomson read from "After the War." **Thursday:** Cara Black, "Murder in Belleville."

■ **Fort Mason Officers' Club:** Building One, Bay and Franklin streets, S.F. 415-499-1581. **Tuesday:** Fall Preview of Books, sponsored by Women's National Book Association, 6 p.m. Authors Alexis Masters, Linda Watanabe McFerrin, Carolyn North, Kathenne Sturtevant and Joani Blank will present their new books on the fall publishing list. $29; $7 program.

■ **Mechanics' Institute:** 57 Post St., S.F. 415-393-0100. **Wednesday:** Peter Wiley, "National Trust Guide San Francisco: America's Guide for Architecture and History Travelers," 6 p.m. $5 general; members free.

■ **San Francisco State Poetry Center:** Humanities Building Room 512, 1600 Halloway Ave., S.F. 415-338-2227. **Thursday:** Poets Eugene Gloria and Catalina Cariaga, 4:30 p.m.

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■ **Book Passage:** 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera. 415-927-0960. All events begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. **Today:** Bri Maya Tiwara, "The Path of Practice: A Woman's Guide to Healing with Food, Breath and Sound," 1 p.m. Heather Drohan, "False Alarm." **Saturday:** Shareen Blair Brysac, "Resisting Hitler: Mildred Harnack and the Red Orchestra," 1 p.m. Judd Winick, "Pedro and Me," 4 p.m. Jennifer Allen, "Fifth Quarter: The Scrimmage of a Football Coach's Daughter." **Sunday:** Jennifer Niven, "The Ice Master: The Doomed 1913 Voyage of the Karluk and the Miraculous Rescue of Her Survivors," 5:30 p.m. Donald George, "Wanderlust: Real Life Tales of Adventure and Romance." **Monday:** Simon Schama, "A History of Britain: At the End of the World, 3500 B.C.-1603 A.D." **Tuesday:** Children's author Michael Hague, "The Book of Fairies," 9:30 a.m. Michael Chabon, "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay." **Wednesday:** Mick LaSalle, "Complicated Women: Sex and Power in Pre-Code Hollywood." **Thursday:** Sarah Ban Breathnach, "A Man's Journey to Simple Abundance," 5:30 p.m. Thomas Frank, "One Market Under God: Extreme Capitalism, Market Populism, and the End of Economic Democracy."

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■ **Osher Marin Jewish Community Center:** 200 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael. 415-479-2000. **Wednesday:** Author Sarah Ban Breathnach in conversation with Paul Liberatore, 7:30 p.m. $16 general; $12 members.

■ **www.bn.com: Monday:** Sylvia Browne, "Blessings from the Other Side," 4 p.m. **Tuesday:** Ken Burns, "Jazz," 1 p.m. **Wednesday:** Eric Bogosian, "Mall," 4 p.m. **Thursday:** Leigh and Leslie Keno, "Hidden Treasures," 4 p.m.

■ **Barnes & Noble/Pleasant Hill:** 552 Contra Costa Blvd. 925-609-7060. **Tuesday:** Fiction Book Club, 7:30 p.m. "The Ladies Auxiliary," by Tova Mirvis, with Jan Colombo. **Wednesday:** Mothers' Reading Group, 7:30 p.m. "The Beans of Egypt, Maine," by Carolyn Chute

■ **Diesel:** 5433 College Avenue, Oakland. 510-653-9965. **Tuesday:** The Spiritual Path Book Group, 7:30 p.m. Author Carol Lee Flinders, "At the Root of this Longing: Reconciling a Spiritual Hunger and a Feminist Thirst," leads discussion.

■ **Berkeley Chamber Performances** — Schwungvoll, Nov. 28, 8 p.m. In works of Ludtke, Butler, Diamond and more. The Berkeley Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. $15 general; $12 students/seniors. Tickets available by mail or at the door. 510-525-5211.

■ **Berkeley Piano Club** — Dolores Salas Borgir, Friday, 8 p.m. A program of Chopin and Grieg. $15 general; $10 students/seniors. 2724 Haste St., Berkeley. 510-528-4657.

■ **Berkeley Symphony Orchestra** — Season opener, Friday, 8 p.m. A program of Beethoven, Elliott Carter and Ronald Bruce Smith. $10-$35. Hertz Hall, Bancroft Way at Telegraph, UC Berkeley. Pre-concert dinner, 5:30 p.m. $40. Henry's Bar and Grill, Hotel Durant, 2600 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2800.

■ **Cal Performances — Steve Reich and Musicians,** Saturday, 8 p.m. **sold out.** Hertz Hall. **The Academy of Ancient Music,** Thursday, 8 p.m. A program of Purcell, Marini, Bach, Handel, Wassenaer and Geminiani, featuring Andrew Manze, violinist and director. $20-$42. Soprano **Deborah Voigt.** Nov. 19, 3 p.m. A program of von Zemlinsky, Griffes, Strauss, Schoenberg and others with pianist Brian Zeger. $28-$48. Zellerbach Hall. Call for schedule of "Sightlines," pre and post-performance discussions. Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, UC Berkeley. 510-642-9988, www.calperts.berkeley.edu.

■ **Cal State Hayward** — "Fall Choral Classic Concert," Saturday, 7:30 p.m. A performance by CSUH choirs with guest choirs from Bay Area high schools. "Flutist Roberta Brokaw and pianist Richard Mercier, Sunday, 3 p.m. A program of works by Bach, Mozart, Lutoslawski, Enesco, Debussy, Messiaen. CSUH Opera Workshop, Tuesday, 8 p.m. A performance of scenes of operas by Donizetti, Mozart, Harnick, Poulenc, Rossini and Humperdinck. Brass Ensemble Recital, Jay Rizzetto conducting, Thursday, noon. Free. Music Building 1055. 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward. 510-885-3167.

■ **Cantare Con Vivo** — "Light Eternal" with the Cantare Chamber Ensemble. A program of Mendelssohn, Copland, Howells, Bruckner, Schumann, Poulenc and others. Nov. 18, 8 p.m.: Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Nov. 19, 4 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito, Oakland. $15 general; $12 students/seniors; $10 ages 18 and under. 510-655-5117.

■ **Chabot College Performing Arts Series** — Juan Carlos Formell and Cuba Libre, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. An evening of jazz with opening act M.B. Haniff and a folkloric cuban style. Chabot College, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward $12 orchestra; $9 balcony rear. 510-601-Tweb.

■ **Choral Workshops** — "Handel's Messiah," Nov. 17 and 27, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. Choral workshops are directed by Melinda Morse. San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. Free. Colleen, Dick or Artie at 925-734-5457.

■ **The Contra Costa Chorale** — "Elijah," by Felix Mendelssohn. Saturday, 8 p.m.: First Baptist Church, 770 Sonoma St., Richmond Heights. Sunday, 7 p.m.: Unitarian Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. $12.50 general; $10 students, seniors and disabled. 510-524-1861.

■ **Contra Costa Performing Arts Society** — Tuesday Evening Program, Tuesday, 8 p.m. A program of Dohnanyi, Telemann, Bozza, Parry-Jones and Brahms. Free. Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. 925-254-5019.

■ **Del Valle Fine Arts** — Falla Guitar Trio, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Featuring Terry Graves, Kenton Youngstrom and Dusan Bogdanovic. $10 general; $7.50 students/seniors; $40 general season tickets; $30 students/ seniors season tickets. First Presbyterian Church, Fourth and L streets, Livermore. 925-447-2752, 925-443-4297.

■ **Diablo Valley College —** The Diablo Valley Masterworks Chorale, "Baroque Across the Borders," Nov. 18, 8 p.m. A performance celebrating the 250th anniversary of Bach's death. $12 advance, $15 door. Performing Arts Center, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. 925-687-4445.

■ **Diablo Wind Symphony** — "The English are Coming!" Nov. 18, 2 p.m. A program of works by Williams, Elgar, Barthe and more. Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. $7 general; $4 youth and seniors. 925-943-7469.

■ **The Empyrean Ensemble** — "Trading Places: Trios Old and New," Saturday, 8 p.m. A program of Shostakovich and Martinu. $18 general; $14 students/seniors. Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 925-798-1300.

■ **Festival of Music** — Young Artists Concert, Saturday, 7:30 p.m. A concert in collaboration with the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, featuring Erika Chow, Andrea Segar and Max Zuckerman. $15 general; $10 students; $70 season ticket donation. Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. 925-254-4906.

■ **Festival Opera** — "Evening with the Stars," Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. Featuring sopranos Jessica Tivens and Sarah Blaze, tenor John Bellemer and baritone Armando Gama in a program of selections from The Barber of Seville, L'Elisir d'Amore and other selections. $35 general; $25 members. Gateway Clubhouse, Rossmoor, Walnut Creek. 925-944-9610, www.festivalopera.com.

■ **Fremont Symphony Orchestra** — "The Magical Forest," Sunday, noon. A brunch followed by a program of light opera. Fremont Marriott Hotel, 46100 Landing Parkway, Fremont. 510-794-1659.

■ **Il Giocatore —** Tuesday-15, 8 p.m. A modern opera following a young Italian named Giovanni, who moves to Scotland to pursue his dream of playing golf but finds love, murder and heartbreak. $100. Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-428-0800.

■ **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts** — "Seher: Traditional Music from Turkey and India," Nov. 18, 8 p.m. A performance by Ihsan Ozgen, Deepak Ram and their ensemble. $20 general; $15 seniors/students. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542.

■ **Oakland East Bay Symphony** — "A Bernstein Remembrance," Nov. 17, 8 p.m. Michael Morgan conducting a program of Bernstein and Mozart. Pre-performance lecture, 7:05 p.m. $20-$55; $95-$265 season tickets. Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. 510-444-0801, www.oebs.org.

■ **Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** — Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m. A program of Haydn and Mozart. $32-$46. First Congregational Church, Dana Street and Durant Avenue, Berkeley. 415-392-4400, www.philharmonia.org.

■ **Piedmont Choirs** — "Diamonds in the Sky: Musical Images of Space," Saturday, 8 p.m. The premiere of "Oh of Moon and Piano," by Bay Area composer Mark Winges. Performance in conjunction with "Diamonds in the Sky: Images from the Hubble Space Telescope" exhibition. Star-gazing and telescopes available after the concert. Donation. St. Mary's College Chapel, 1928 St. Marys Road, Moraga. 510-547-4441 Ext. 303, 925-631-4379.

■ **Pro Art Symphony Orchestra** — "Pianomania," Nov. 19, 2:30 p.m. An afternoon of piano music. Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. $23-$26 general; $21/$24 ages 62 and older; $10 youth. 925-943-SHOW.

■ **Sacred and Profane** — "Tempus Fugit." A 25-voice chamber chorus directed by Eduardo Mendelievich. Nov. 18, 8 p.m.: Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1940 Virginia St., Berkeley. Nov. 19, 4 p.m.: Church of St. Leo the Great, 176 Ridgeway Ave., Oakland. $13 general, $10 students/seniors advance; $15 general, $12 students and seniors at the door. 510-524-3611.

■ **San Francisco Bay Area Chamber Choir** — "Celestial Music: Praise and Reflection." A program of English Tudor and Baroque Italian motets. Nov. 18, 8 p.m.: Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 255 St. James St., Oakland. Nov. 19, 7 p.m.: Old Mission San Jose, 43300 Mission Blvd., Fremont. $10 general; $8 students/seniors. www.SFBayChoir.org.

■ **San Francisco City Chorus** — "Choral Classics of the 20th Century," Nov. 19, 3 p.m. A program of Bernstein, Britten, Hanson, Thompson, Tavener and Convery. First Congregational Church, Channing Way at Dana Street, Berkeley. 415-765-7664, www.cclearn.com/sfcitychorus.

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CALENDAR

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■ **St. Mark's Episcopal Church** — Organist John Karl Hirten, Sunday, 6 p.m. A performance of works by Bach, Hirten, Buxtehude and Couperin. St. Mark's Choir Association and Orchestra, George Anton Emblom conducting, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. A performance of Schubert's "Mass in G Major." Donation. 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 510-845-0888.

■ **UC Berkeley** — University Symphony Orchestra, Nov. 17 and 18, 8 p.m. A program of Beethoven's 4th Symphony and Strauss. University Chamber Chorus, Nov. 19, 3 p.m. A program of Benjamin Britten's "Cantata Misericordium." $2-$8. Noon Concert series. Wednesday: Löwenzähnchen String Quartet. Dec. 6: University Chorus. Free. Hertz Hall, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, UC Berkeley. 510-642-9988, 510-642-4864.

SAN FRANCISCO

■ **Community Music Center** — Cellist Monica Scott and harpsichordist Jung-Hae Kim, Sunday, 4 p.m. A program of works by de Fesch, Bach, Geminiani, Gabrielli. $5-$10. 544 Capp St., S.F. 415-647-6015.

■ **Golden Gate Opera** — "Hansel and Gretel," by Engelbert Humperdinck, Nov. 19, 26 and Dec. 2, 1:30 p.m. Accompanied by the Unique Virtual Orchestra, conducted by Dietrich Erbelding. $20 general; $18 members and seniors; $12 ages 13 and under advance; $22 general; $20 members and seniors; $15 ages 13 and under at the door. Legion of Honor Florence Gould Theater, Lincoln Park, 34th Avenue and Clement Street, S.F. 415-392-4400.

■ **Korean-American Music Supporters' Association** — Pianist Minyoung Lee, Sunday, 5 p.m. A program of works by Mozart, Ravel, Chopin, Brahms, Bartok. $20. Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness Ave., Veterans Building, S.F. 415-392-4400.

■ **Music On The Hill** — "Judith Nelson and Consort: an Evening of Early Music," Sunday, 7 p.m. A program of works by J.S. Bach, Michael Pignolet Monteclair and others. $8 general; $5 students/seniors. St. Kevin's Church, 401 Cortland Ave., S.F.

■ **Noe Valley Chamber Music** — "BWV 2000: Bach Cantata Arias and Chamber Music," Nov. 19, 4 p.m. $12 general; $8 students/seniors. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St., S.F. 415-333-3444.

■ **Noontime Concerts** — Pianist Tori Stodle, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. A program of works by Bach and Chopin. $5. St. Patrick's Church, 756 Mission St., S.F. 415-777-3211.

■ **Old First Concerts** — The Ives Quartet, Friday, 8 p.m. A program of works by Eric Sawyer, Arthur Foote, Antonin Dvorak. Aurora String Quartet, Sunday, 2 p.m. A program of works by Haydn, Beethoven, Paul Chihara. "Concert of French Sonatas," Nov. 19, 4 p.m. A program of works by Milhaud, Poulenc, Saint-Saens and Martin. $9 general; $7 students/seniors. Old First Church, 1751 Sacramento St., S.F. 415-474-1608, www.oldfirstconcerts.org

■ **Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** — Nov. 17, 8 p.m. A program of Haydn and Mozart. $32-$46. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave., S.F. 415-392-4400, www.philharmonia.org.

■ **St. Mary's Cathedral** — Organist Arthur Lamirande, Sunday. Organist Alan Blasdale, Nov. 19. Donation. Unless noted otherwise, concerts begin at 3:30 p.m. Gough and Geary streets, S.F. 415-567-2020 ext. 213.

■ **San Francisco Choral Society** — "Verdi Requiem," Nov. 17 and 18, 8 p.m. Robert Geary conducts 200 voices, four soloists and 55 musicians. $21-$27. The Masonic Auditorium, 1111 California St., S.F. 415-392-4400.

■ **San Francisco City Chorus** — "Choral Classics of the 20th Century," Nov. 17, 8 p.m. A program of Bernstein, Britten, Hanson, Thompson, Tavener and Convery. Trinity Episcopal Church, 1668 Bush St., S.F. 415-765-7664, www.cclearn.com/sfcitychorus.

■ **San Francisco Conservatory Of Music** — Electronic Music Performance, Saturday, 8 p.m. Composers Maggi Payne and Laetitia Sonami present and discuss their work in video and sound. $6-$10. Menahem Pressler, piano. Thursday, 8 p.m. A program of Mozart, Brahms and Schoenberg. $6/$10. Ferrara-Leisek Duo, Nov. 19, 2 p.m. Works by Piazolla, Assad, Houghton and Gismonti. $6/$10. Hellman Hall, 1201 Ortega St., S.F. 415-759-3475, www.sfcm.edu.

■ **San Francisco Opera** — **"Der Rosenkavalier,"** by Richard Strauss, Nov. 17-Dec. 10. Charles Mackerras conducts sopranos Renee Fleming and Yvonne Kenny sharing the role of the Marschallin, soprano Juliane Banse, mezzo-soprano Susan Graham, bass Franz Hawlata and baritone Peter Sidhorn. Sung in German with English supertitles. **"Semele,"** by George Frideric Handel, through Nov. 25. Charles Mackerras conducts with sopranos Ruth Ann Swenson and Tracy Dahl, mezzo-soprano Patricia Bardon, countertenor Brian Asawa, tenor John Mark Ainsley and bass-baritone John Relyea. **"L'Elisir D'Amore,"** by Gaetano Donizetti, through Jan. 13. A comic tale of false magic potions and true love. With sopranos Rebecca Evans, Anna Netrebko and Donita Volkwijn, tenors Tito Beltran and Roberto Sacca. Patrick Summers conducts this opera which is sung in Italian with English supertitles. Call for a complete schedule of pre-performance lectures. $23-$165. War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness Ave., S.F. 415-864-3330, www.sfopera.com.

■ **San Francisco Performances** — **"Our European Songbook of the Last Century,"** with mezzo-soprano Mitsuko Shirai and pianist Hartmut Höll, Tuesday, 8 p.m. A program of Strauss, Shoeck, Berg, Debussy, Poulenc and others. $26-$38. Call for locations. 415-392-4400, www.sfperformances.org.

■ **San Francisco State** — Jacques Thibaud Trio, Sunday, 3 p.m. Featuring Philip Douvier, Burkhard Maiss and Uwe Hirth-Schmidt. Free. McKenna Theatre, Creative Arts Building. Hazma El Din, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. A program of Arabic and Nubian music. $12 general; $7 students. Bel Canto presents the Alexander String Quartet, "A Night at the Opera," Nov. 30, 8 p.m. A program of operatic works by Mozart, Bizet and others. Call for prices. Knuth Hall, Creative Arts Building. 1600 Holloway Ave., S.F. 415-338-1358, www.sfsu.edu.

■ **San Francisco Symphony** — Alasdair Neale conducting, through Friday, 8 p.m. A program of Dvorak, Peter Maxwell Davies and Sibelius with guest artist Lynn Harrell, cello. $15-$80. Chamber Music Series, Sunday, 2 p.m. A program of Beethoven, Ferrari and Brahms. $27. Herbert Blomstedt conducting, Thursday-Nov. 18. A program of Mozart and Brahms with guest artist Richard Goode, piano. Thursday, 2 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. $15-$80. "SFS Youth Orchestra, Alasdair Neale conducting, Nov. 19, 2 p.m. A program of Beethoven, Copland and Prokofiev. $9-$20. Call for a schedule of pre-performance lectures. Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave., S.F. 415-864-6000, www.sfsymphony.org

■ **Sea Music Concert Series 2000** — The Windlasses, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Acclaimed mother-daughter trio performing music of the sea. $12. San Francisco Maritime Park, Fisherman's Wharf, S.F. 415-561-6662

■ **Symphony Parnassus** — Stephen Paulson conducting a program of Copland and Prokofiev with guest artist Teddy Abrams, clarinet. Saturday, 8 p.m.: Lincoln Auditorium, 24th Avenue and Quintara Street. Sunday, 3 p.m.: Calvary Presbyterian Church, 2515 Fillmore St., S.F. $10 general; $5 students. 415-986-6026

■ **Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater** — "Strings Calligraphy," Nov. 17 and Nov. 18, 8 p.m. A program of music composed by Gang Situ performed by the New Century Chamber Orchestra, the Alexander String Quartet, Jie-Bing Chen, Lampo Leong and the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company. $18-$28. 701 Mission St., S.F. 415-978-2787

NORTH BAY

■ **Centerstage** — The Cypress String Quartet, Sunday, 5 p.m. With cellist Joan Jeanrenaud. $28 general, $24 members. Bernard Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, 200 N. San Pedro Road, San Rafael. 415-479-2000..

■ **The Russian Chamber Orchestra** — Sunday, 5 p.m. Alexander Vereshagin conducts a program of Bach, Handel and Borodin. $20 general; $17 students/seniors; free ages 11 and under Mt. Tamalpais United Methodist Church, Camino Alto at Sycamore, Mill Valley. 415-927-1446.

SOUTH BAY

■ **Villa Montalvo** — Pianist Jon Nakamatsu, Sunday, 7:30 p.m. $45. Carriage House, 15400 Montalvo Road, Saratoga. 408-961-5858.

Concerts

EAST BAY

■ **Alcatraz Angels Jazz Band** — "Holiday House Ballroom," Nov. 19, 2-5 p.m. $8. 29827 Mission Blvd. (at Industrial Pkwy.), Hayward. 510-538-0300.

■ **Berkeley Community Theatre** — k.d. lang, Saturday, 8 p.m. $38.50-$46. 1900 Allston Way, Berkeley. 510-444-8497.

■ **Cal Performances** — **"Voices of Mali,"** with Oumou Sangare and Habib Koité and Bamada, Nov. 17, 8 p.m. Traditional African music with modern pop influence. $18-$30. **Sonny Rollins,** tenor saxophone, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. $20-$34. **"Klezmer Mania!"** Nov. 25, 2 and 8 p.m. Featuring the New Orleans Klezmer All-stars, violinist Kaila Flexer, Mike Marshall and more. $16-$28. Pre-performances talk with Kaila Flexer, 1 and 7 p.m. Free to ticket holders. Special school-time performance, Nov. 20, 11 a.m. $3 per student or adult chaperone. Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, UC Berkeley. 510-642-9988

■ **California Association of Professional Music Teachers** — Sunday, 3 p.m. A performance of a solo and chamber music works. Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Blvd., Piedmont. Free. Contact Hadley McCarroll 510-444-3595.

■ **Chabot College** — Juan Carlos Formell, M.B. Haniff and the Sound Voyagers, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. $9-$12. Performing Arts Center, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward. 510-601-TWEB.

■ **Community Concert Series** — **Patrick Ball,** Today, 6 p.m. $14 advance; $16 door. **Michael McNevin** Thursday, 8 p.m. **Christie McCarthy,** Nov. 30, 8 p.m. **Jim Ocean,** Dec. 7, 8 p.m. $9 advance; $10 door. The Christmas Jug Band, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. $14 advance; $16 door. Mt. Diablo Unitarian Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. 925-229-2710, www.CommunityConcerts.com

■ **Falla Guitar Trio** — Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Innovative programs ranging from Bach to Bernstein to the Blues. $10 adults, $7.50 students/seniors. First Presbyterian Church, 4th St. and L St. Livermore. Contact Del Valle Fine Arts at 925-447-2752.

■ **Hindustani Vocal Concert** — Nov. 23, 3 p.m. Featuring Dr. Madhuwanti Mirashi. Badarikashrama, 15602 Maubert Ave., San Leandro. Free. 510-278-2444

■ **Jazzschool/La Note** — **Ledisi** with special guests, The Braxton Brothers. Sunday, 4:30 p.m. **Debbie Poryes Quartet,** Nov. 19, 4:30 p.m. **Debbie Poryes Quartet,** Nov. 19, 4:30 p.m. $12 general; $10 students and seniors, $6 ages 12 and under. Jazzschool/La Note, 2377 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-5373, www.jazzschool.com

■ **Los Medanos College** — LMC Jazz Ensemble, Monday. Educators Band, LMC Concert Band, Tuesday. Guitar Concert with Dawn Colburn Band, Thursday.Call for prices and show times. 2700 East Leland Road. Pittsburg. 925-439-0200.

■ **Mills College** — "Lore of Moments," Today, 8 p.m. A concert of improvised music with Anne Bourne, India Cooke, Fred Frith and Pauline Oliveros. "Early Twentieth-Century Songs." Sunday, 4 p.m. A program of Webern, Mahler, Eisler and more with Miriam Abramowitsch and pianist George Barth. Mills College Concert Hall, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. $10 general; $5 students/seniors. 510-430-2296

■ **Paramount Theatre** — Paul Simon, Monday and Tuesday, 8 p.m. $55. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. 510-762-2277.

■ **Pleasanton Community Concert Band** — "The Annual Children's Concert," Nov. 19, 3 p.m. A musical performance about horses, ships, railroads, spaceships and more. Free. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Pleasanton. 925-443-5526.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church** — Manuel Romero, Saturday. Call for prices and show time. 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. 925-828-1580.

■ **Rhythm Riot** — RhythMix, Nov. 17, 8:30 p.m. A blend of cross-cultural percussion inspired by Cuban, Asian, Middle Eastern and West African influences. $12. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568.

■ **Slavonian Traveling Band** — Saturday, 8 p.m. Kolo dancing follows with a guest performance by The Bosnian Birds. $8 general; children free. Berkeley Fellowship Hall, 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley. 510-649-0941, www.slavonicweb.org.

■ **Eric Tingstad and Nancy Rumbel** — Tonight, 8 p.m. A program of acoustic guitar, double ocarina, oboe, and English horn with an environmental theme. $17 advance; $19 door. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. 925-931-3455.

■ **Walnut Creek Concert Band** — Veterans Day Concert, Saturday, 11 a.m. Free. Civic Park, Civic Drive and Broadway, Walnut Creek. 925-930-9892.

Spotlight



■ **WHAT:** "Christmas on the Mountain"

■ **WHEN:** Previews 7:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; plays Nov. 17-Dec. 31, call for times

■ **WHERE:** Willows Theatre, 1975 Diamond Blvd. (Willows Shopping Center), Concord

■ **HOW MUCH:** $15-$30

■ **CALL:** 925-798-1300, www.willowstheatre.org

■ **THE SKINNY:** The comedy, written by Connie Ray and conceived by Alan Bailey, is a sequel to the 1992 hit "Smoke on the Mountain" and centers once again on the wacky Sanders Family Singers and the good folks at Mt. Pleasant Family Church

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■ **Wing It Performance Ensemble** — "Taking Place," Saturday, 8 p.m. A benefit concert mixing music, dance, theater and storytelling. Free. First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. 510-465-2797

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■ **Cow Palace** — Limp Bizkit, Eminem, Papa Roach, Xzibit, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. The Anger Management Tour $38.50. 2600 Geneva Ave., Daly City. 415-478-BASS

■ **Davies Symphony Hall** — Nina Simone, Monday, 8 p.m. $45-$75. 201 Van Ness Ave., S.F. 415-478-2277

■ **Dynamite Guitars** — Nov. 17, 8 p.m. Featuring Ralph Towner, Marcho Pereira, Antonio Calogero and Brian Gore highlighting a diversity of cultural styles and techniques. California Palace of the Legion of Honor, Florence Gould Theatre, 100 34th Ave., S.F. $25. 415-242-4500.

■ **Fillmore** — **Joan Baez**, Stacy Earle, Today, 9 p.m. $27.50. **Dark Star Orchestra**, David Gans, Saturday, 9 p.m. $17.50. **Fuel**, Nickleback, Full Devil Jacket, Sunday, 8 p.m. $20.50. **Dio**, Yngwie Malmsteen, Doro Pesch, Thursday, 8 p.m. $25. **Shane MacGowan and The Popes**, Sarah Franklyn, Nov. 17, 9 p.m. $21.50. 1805 Geary Blvd., S.F. 415-346-6000, 415-421-8497.

■ **Jon Sims Center for the Arts** — "Performance Panoply," Saturday, 8 p.m. An evening of new dance, spoken word and music. Jon Sims Center for the Arts, 1519 Mission St., S.F. $10-$25. 415-554-0402.

■ **The Great American Music Hall** — **Nina Gordon**, Sunday, 9 p.m. $16. **Chris Cutler,** Fred Frith, Beth Custer and Tom Dimuzio Quartet, Sleepytime, Gorilla Museum, Monday, 8 p.m. $12. **Squirrel Nut Zippers**, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Thursday and Nov. 17, 9 p.m. $20. **At The Drive In,** Murder City Devils, Eastern Youth, Nov. 18 and Nov. 19, 9 p.m. $10. 859 O'Farrell St., S.F. 415-885-0750, 415-478-BASS.

■ **Kabayao Family Quintet** — Saturday, 7 p.m. A performance of classical, folk, and gospel music. St. Andrews Catholic Church, 1571 Southgate Ave., Daly City. $20 donation requested. Contact Rose Herico at 415-587-8155.

■ **Maritime Hall** — **Zero,** Today and Saturday. $20 to $22. **"Death Across America,"** Saturday. Featuring Vader, Living Fetus, Cephalic Carnage, Deeds of Flesh. At Lower Ballroom. $20. **The Flaming Lips**, Russell Simins, Thursday. $20. **The Misfits, Murphy's Law,** Impotent Sea Snakes, Primitive Reason, Nov. 17. $20. **Sound Tribe Sector 9,** Netwerk: Electric, Nov. 18. $15. 450 Harrison St., S.F. 415-974-0634 or 415-974-6644.

■ **Noe Valley Music Series** — All concerts begin at 8:15 p.m. **Philip Gelb,** Pauline Oliveros and Dana Reason, Saturday. $14. **An Evening of Song,** Nov. 18. Hosted by Merle "Ian Shoales" Kessler and featuring Jeffrey Kane, Jo-Carol, The Ethel Merman Memorial Choir, Matthew Perifano. $15. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez Street, S.F. 415-454-5238.

■ **The Warfield** — **"The Original Meters Reunion,"** Saturday, 8 p.m. With Art Neville, George Porter, Jr., Leo Nocentelli, Joseph "Zigaboo" Modeliste. $50-$85. **Elliott Smith,** Grandaddy, Monday, 9 p.m. **Rolling Stone Live! Tour**. $17.50. **Youssou N'Dour,** Tuesday, 8 p.m. $25-$28.50. **The Wallflowers,** Everlast, Wednesday, 8 p.m. $27.50. 982 Market St., S.F. 415-775-7722. 415-421-8497.

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■ **Luther Burbank Center for the Arts** — "Here's To You, Charlie Brown 50 Great Years," Today, 8 p.m. A tribute concert to Charles M. Schulz by jazz pianist and composer David Benoit and special guest Snoopy. $26-$36. Joan Baez, Saturday, 8 p.m. $22.50-$26.50. The Wallflowers, Everlast, Monday, 8 p.m. Jewel, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. 50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa. 707-546-3600

■ **California Wine Ship** — "Virtuoso Guitarist, Top Comic on the Water," Sunday, 7 p.m. Featuring acoustic guitarist Peppino D'Agostino and comedian Johnny Steele. Mare Island Way, Vallejo. $15 advance; $20 door. 707-643-7447.

■ **Marin Center** — Herbie Hancock and Wayne Shorter, Nov. 17, 8 p.m. $28-$35. "The 8th Annual West Coast A Cappella Summit," Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Featuring Sovoso, Toxic Audio, Fred, Just 4 Kicks, The Coats. $22.50. Marin Veterans' Memorial Theatre, Marin Center, Avenue of the Flags at Civic Center Drive, San Rafael. 415-472-3500.

■ **Marin Civic Auditorium** — k.d. lang, Sunday, 8 p.m. $39.50. 415-421-TIXS.

■ **Vacaville Veterans Day Tribute** — The United States Airforce Band of the Golden West with Wilford Brimley, Saturday, 2 p.m. Free. Vacaville Creekwalk, Main Street, Vacaville. 707-424-1154.

PENINSULA

■ **Stanford Lively Arts** — Voices of Mali, Nov. 19, 2:30 p.m. Featuring Oumou Sangare, Habib Koite and Bamada. $20-$32. Memorial Auditorium, Stanford University. 650-725-ARTS.

SOUTH BAY

■ **San Jose Arena** — **Tina Turner,** Joe Cocker, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. $35.25-$85.25. **Anger Management Tour,** featuring Limp Bizkit, Eminem, Papa Roach, Xzibit, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. $42.50. San Jose Arena, 525 West Santa Clara St., San Jose. 408-998-TIXS.

■ **San Jose Civic Auditorium** — Wayne Shorter and Herbie Hancock, Tuesday, 8 p.m. $35-$50. 145 W. San Carlos, San Jose. 408-998-BASS.

■ **Villa Montalvo** — Terry Gross, today, 8 p.m. $30. Carriage House, 15400 Montalvo Road, Saratoga. 408-961-5858.

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■ **Abernathy's** — **Tonight:** Sunset Valley, Visitor Jim, Cratewasher. **Sun.:** Spike James, Deadweight. **Mon.:** Open jam night. **Wed.:** Pursuit of Happiness. **Thurs.:** Ethos. 1411 Locust St., Walnut Creek. 925-934-9490.

■ **Alvarado Gardens** — **Tonight-Sat.:** Reed Fromer. **Thurs.:** Danny Poullard, Y 2 Kajuns. 12889 San Pablo Ave., Richmond. 510-234-9009.

■ **Ashkenaz** — **Sat.:** Caribbean Allstars. **Sun.:** Bellydance Party with Alexandria, Luna. **Tues.:** Gator Beat. **Thurs.:** Jaka. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5099, www.ashkenaz.com.

■ **Bistro** — **Tonight:** E.B. Fraley. **Sat.:** Tom Rose and The Thorns. **Sun.:** Bach and Blue, Red Archibald and The Internations. **Mon.:** Open Microphone with Floyd and Wimpy. **Tues.:** John Shipe Band. **Wed.:** Bryn Mawr Ave. **Thurs.:** Second Nature with Steve Chastain. 1001 B St., Hayward. 510-886-8525.

■ **Blake's** — **Tonight:** D' Amphibians, Bitches Brew **Sat.:** Jethro Jeremiah Band, A Sleeping Bee. **Sun.:** Snapper, Boomshanka. **Mon.:** Blue Monday jam with the Steve Gannon Band. **Tues.:** X Road, Randy Todd. **Wed.:** "Third World" with UC Buu, Jah Bonz. **Thurs.:** Beatdown. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0886

■ **Bluesville** — **Tonight:** Sonata Pi, Pat Wilder's Blues Experience. **Sat.:** Jackie Payne Blues Jam, Off The Hook Band. **Sun.:** Walter Savage, Jazz Jam **Mon.:** Golden Mic Awards. **Tues.:** Soukous Stars. **Thurs.:** Jackie Payne Blues Band. 131 Broadway, Oakland 510-893-6215.

■ **Caribbean Spice Restaurant** — **Wed.:** Open microphone jazz jam night with the Mark Little Trio. 1920 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-3035

■ **Cato's Ale House** — **Sat.:** Piedmont Bluegrass and Jam. **Sun.:** Duckmandu. **Tues.:** Delirium Tremens **Wed.:** Ed Ivey Orchestra. 3891 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-655-3349

■ **Clayton Club Saloon** — **Tonight-Sat.:** Panther Slim Band. 6096 Main St., Clayton. 925-673-0440

■ **Concord Depot** — **Tonight.:** Shallow, Aliplast. **Sat.:** Two-O-Nine, Starch, Stepchild, Mynalter. **Sun.:** The Deficient, Luxt, Man with a Gun, Bomb Squad. 1839 Colfax St., Concord. 925-825-7665

■ **Concord Hilton** — **Tues.-Wed.:** Merrill Collins (piano). **Thurs.-Fri.:** Rick Treat (piano). 1970 Diamond Blvd. 925-827-2000.

■ **Eli's Mile High Club** — **Tonight:** Little Johnny and the Giants. **Sat.:** Red Archibald. 3629 Martin Luther King Jr., Way, Oakland. 510-655-6661 .

■ **Faz Restaurant** — **Sat.:** Claudio Medeiros. **Sun.:** Renee Smith. **Tues.:** Justin Levit. **Wed.:** Simon Russell **Thurs.:** Justin Levit. 5121 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. 925-460-0444.

■ **Foxes — Tonight-Sat.:** Dancing, Key Lime Pie. **Thurs.:** The Classik Band. 171 W. Tennyson Road, Hayward. 510-887-5866.

■ **Freddie's Pizzeria — Thurs.:** La Salle St. Dixieland Jazz Band. 3614-B Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. 925-284-9110.

■ **Freight & Salvage** — **Tonight:** Ellis Paul. **Sat.:** Dave Alvin, Rick Shea. **Sun.:** Carrie Newcomer. **Mon.:** Otis Taylor. **Tues.:** Stacey Earle with Mark Stuart. **Wed.:** Todd Snider. **Thurs.:** Nickel Creek. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761.

■ **Garcia's** — **Tonight:** Ken Cooper (acoustic guitar) 3704 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. 925-283-2449.

■ **Hacienda Restaurant** — **Sat:** Delta Tunetoppers. 12020 San Pablo Ave., Richmond. 510-235-2000.

■ **Hobies** — **Tonight:** Hot For Teacher. 2045 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Concord. 925-676-4417.

■ **Hunan Villa** — **Tonight-Sat.:** Jeff Feldstein & Chuck Metcalf (jazz). 632 A San Pablo Ave., Pinole. 510-724-1368.

■ **The Ivy Room** — **Tonight:** Dave Gleason and The New Originals with Mike Montalto, Mike Farrell. **Sun.:** Steve Freund and guests. **Tues.:** Spencer Jarrett Band. 858 San Pablo Ave., Albany. 510-524-9299.

■ **Jupiter's** — **Sat.:** Upside Down and Backwards featuring Joe Livoti and Clifton Burton. 1370 Locust St., Walnut Creek. 925-944-2337.

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■ **Kimball's East** — **Tonight:** Lava. **Thurs.:** Dramatics. . 6005 Shellmound, Emeryville. 510-658-2555.

■ **Ladbroke's Casino San Pablo** — **Tonight:** Spintronics. Oasis Showroom, 13255 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo. 510-215-7888.

■ **Lake Merritt Dance Center** — **Tonight:** Grand ballroom dancing with Nob Hill Sounds. 200 Grand Ave., Oakland. 510-238-3284.

■ **La Peña** — **Sun.:** Charanga Habanera. **Wed.:** Mercedes Metal and Friends, Avotcja, Martha Cinader with Art Lewis, open mic. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568.

■ **Legends** — **Tonight-Sat:** Sweet Talk. 3705 Lonetree Way, Antioch, 925-757-4280.

■ **Mambo Mambo Too!** — **Mon.:** Walter Savage and his Trio host jazz jam session. 4905 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-832-9422.

■ **Massimo Ristorante** — **Tonight-Sat.:** Eric Berman (jazz piano). 604 Locust St., Walnut Creek. 925-932-1474.

■ **Mel-O-Dee Club** — **Tonight:** Lee Russell & Co. 240 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito. 510-526-2131.

■ **Moonrise at Quail Court** — **Tonight-Sat.:** Roy Henderson Jazz Trio (dancing/listening). 31 Quail Court, Walnut Creek. 925-945-0953.

■ **Mr. E's Spotlight on the Square** — **Tonight:** A Big Band Tribute to Tito Puente, Rica Salsa. 2203 Mariner Square Loop, Alameda. 510-523-8368.

■ **924 Gilman Street** — **Tonight:** Lord Weird Slough Feg, Creuvo, Mr. Brainoil. **Sat.:** Melt Banana, Vas, Cost, World Inferno Friendship Society. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926.

■ **Petar's Pub & Restaurant** — **Wed.-Sat.:** Dave Frosley (keyboard/vocal variety). 32 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. 925-284-7117.

■ **Pleasanton Hotel** — **Tonight:** Major Link. **Sat.:** Liv Out Loud. **Sun.:** Alvon. 855 Main St., Pleasanton. 925-846-8106.

■ **Prima Trattoria** — **Tues.:** Gary Lillard. 1522 North Main, Walnut Creek 925-935-7780.

■ **The Rockhouse Deli & Saloon** — **Sun.:** Talent Showcase. 1840 Portola Ave., Livermore. 925-455-5878.

■ **Scores** — **Tonight-Sat.:** Night Train. 1907 Salvio St., Concord. 925-677-5070.

■ **Starry Plough Restaurant & Pub** — **Tonight:** Annwn, Avalon Rising. **Sat.:** Milwaukee Vendetta Red. **Wed.:** Ceili Dance featuring Brian Theriault and friends. **Thurs.:** Dallas Wayne, Joe Buck, Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082.

■ **Stork Club** — **Tonight.:** Voyager One, Lean, Condors. **Sat.:** Diggers, Electric Jesus, Mojo Madness. **Sun.:** Open mic with Girl George. **Tues.:** Heavy Petty, Zulu as Kono. **Wed.:** Cruel and Unusual, Red Ghetto Sun, Skyflakes, Things. **Thurs.:** Jimmy 2 Times, Wash, Aricula. 2330 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-444-6174.

■ **Time Out Sports Bar** — **Tonight:** Viagra Blue. **Sat.:** Tribute Band. 1822 Grant St., Concord. 925-798-1811.

■ **The Union Hotel** — **Tonight:** James Funk, Tom Fleming. **Sat.:** Louie Moon. **Sun.:** Susan Sutton Trio. **Wed.:** Peppino. **Thurs.:** John Seppala, Lee Ann Christopherson. 401 First St., Benicia. 707-746-0100.

■ **The Wallace Arms** — **Tonight.:** Sherie Utter and Blue Lipps. No Cover Charge. 422 W. Second St., Antioch. 925-755-2900.

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■ **Bimbo's 365 Club** — **Tonight:** Pride and Joy. **Mon.-Tues.:** Bebel Gilberto. **Wed.:** Patricia Barber. **Thurs.:** Badly Drawn Boy, The Magic of Paul Nathan. 1025 Columbus Ave., S.F. 415-474-0365 or 415-478-BASS.

■ **Biscuits and Blues** — **Tonight:** Anson Funderburgh with Sam Meyers. **Sat.:** Zakiya Hooker. **Tues.:** Nighthawks. **Wed.:** Kevin Russell, Preacher Boy, Henry Butler. **Thurs.:** Marcus Shelby, Otis Taylor. 401 Mason at Geary, S.F. 415-292-2583.

■ **Bottom of the Hill** — **Sat.:** Sun City Girls, Three Day Stubble. **Sun.:** Klubstitute, Drag Queen Pageant. **Mon.:** High On Fire, Clear Light, Ausar. **Tues.:** Sfu-Ma-To, Vapourtrail. **Wed.:** International Noise Conspiracy, Bluetip, Karate, Icarus Line. **Thurs.:** Bratmobile. 1233 17th St., S.F. 415-621-4455, www.bottomofthehill.com.

■ **Bruno's** — **Tonight:** Tom Perrin/Bud Spengler Interplay Quartet. **Sat.:** Ledisi. **Tues.:** Cordials. **Wed.:** Sonny Simmons. **Thurs.:** Marcus Shelby Orchestra with Kim Nalley. 2389 Mission St., S.F. 415-648-7701.

■ **Cafe Du Nord** — **Tonight:** The Nerve Meter, Waco, Noe Venable, Mark Growden's Electric Pinata. **Sat.:** Granfaloon Bus, Virginia Dare. **Sun.:** Dead and Gone, The Slaves. **Mon.:** Mark Growden's Electric Pinata. **Tues.:** Stew of The Negro Problem, Kelley Stoltz. **Wed.:** Jim Campilongo. **Thurs.:** Ledisi with Anibade, DJ IJ. 2170 Market St., S.F. 415-861-5016.

■ **Elbo Room** — **Tonight:** Vinyl. **Sat.:** Clyde's Ride. **Sun.:** Maneesh the Twister, Ludichris. **Mon.:** Tea Leaf Green. **Tues.:** Vivendo de Pao. **Wed.:** Dale Watson. **Thurs.:** Mazacote. 647 Valencia St., S.F. 415-552-7788.

■ **Johnny Foley's** — **Tonight:** Cynthia and the Swingset. **Sat.:** Ticket to Ride. **Sun. and Wed.:** Tony McMahon. **Mon.:** Jeff Goodman. **Tues.:** Traditional Irish Jam Session. **Thurs.:** Jimbo Trout and the Fishpeople. The Cellar — **Sat.:** Tim and Greg of the Mother Hips, Mary Gauthier, York Roberts. 243 O'Farrell St., S.F. 415-954-0777, 415-522-0333.

■ **John Lee Hooker's Boom Boom Room** — **Tonight:** Juice. **Sat.:** The Roy Gaines Band. **Sun.:** Beebe Price. **Mon.:** Rossi Brothers. **Tues.:** Oscar Myers' Bluesbeat. **Wed.:** Netwerk: Electric. **Thurs.:** Brenda Boykin and Home Cookin'. 1601 Fillmore St., S.F. 415-673-8000, www.boomboomblues.com.

■ **Ireland's 32 Bar and Grill** — **Tonight:** The Mad Hannons. **Sat.:** Drool. **Sun.:** "86." **Mon.:** Ben Flanagan. 3920 Geary Blvd., S.F. 415-386-6173.

■ **Jazz at Pearl's** — **Tonight-Sat.:** Robbie Kwock and Melecio Magdaluyo. **Mon.:** Contemporary Jazz Orchestra with Alex Budman conducting, featuring Kim Nalley. **Tues.-Thurs.:** Vince Lateano Trio featuring Al Plank. 256 Columbus Ave., S.F. 415-291-8255.

■ **Justice League** — **Tonight-Sat.:** Groove Collective, featuring DJ Said. **Sun.:** Sunday Poetry Slam. **Wed.:** Mission and Raw Deluxe, DJ Ren. 628 Divisadero St., S.F. 415-440-0409.

■ **Last Day Saloon** — **Tonight:** ekoostik hookah, King Harvest. **Sat.:** Wonderbread 5. **Sun.:** Jason of the Funkanauts hosts Cohen's House of Fun. **Mon.:** Teddy Thompson, Sarah Hammer. **Tues.:** Felonious hosts "New Roots to Hip Hop Workshopping Beatbox: A Raparetta." **Wed.:** Face on Straight, Abbot Finney. **Thurs.:** DJ Pause, J Boogie. 406 Clement St., S.F. 415-387-6344.

■ **Paradise Lounge** — **Tonight:** Blue Period, Luxt, Violet Discount. **Mon.:** Gun and Doll Show Friends and Alumni. **Tues.:** Jaka, Plus Ones. **Wed.:** Bruno Pelletier Jazz Trio, Stymie. **Thurs.:** Viv, Kindness. Above Paradise; Willis. 308 11th St., S.F. 415-621-4435.

■ **The Plush Room** — **Tonight-Sun.:** Karen Mason. **Mon.:** Tony Messina. **Tues.:** Wesla Whitfield, through Dec. 10. "Lucky To Be Me," features works by Bernstein, Loesser, Mercer, and Porter. York Hotel, 940 Sutter St., S.F. 415-885-2800.

■ **Slim's** — **Tonight:** Melvins, Melt Banana, Vaz. **Sat.:** Nerve Agents, Powerhouse, All Bets Off, The Contradictions. **Sun.:** Ulali, Lorrie Church, Derek Miller, Lucie Idlout, Ricky Lynn Gregg, Charlie Hill. **Mon.:** J Mascis and The Fog, Beachwood Sparks. **Tues.:** J Mascis and The Fog, Caustic Resin, Unida. **Wed.:** Better Than Ezra, Lifehouse. **Thurs.:** A3, Mocean Worker. 333 11th St., S.F. 415-522-0333.

Dance clubs

■ **11:11 Lounge** — **Tonight:** House, techno and trance. **Saturday:** Jungle with DJ Oedipus. **Sunday:** "Blue" house with DJs Ryan Bazely and weekly guest. **Tuesday:** Trance with DJ Orbeter. **Thursday:** Hip-hop and open mic with DJ Element. 1330 Polk Street, S.F. 415-885-2652

■ **26 Mix** — **Tonight:**. Guitarist Gregory James, Brazillian and African rhythms, jazz harmonies, flamenco and rock. **Saturday:** Saucy house and powerful beats. **Monday:** Experimental ambient collage music with obscure vintage electronic. **Tuesday:** Downtempo funk and hip-hop. **Wednesday:** Live jazz, drum'n'bass. **Thursday:** Non-sensical beats, breaks, grooves, tunes and libations. 3024 Mission St., S.F. 415-826-7378.

■ **330 Ritch Street** — **Tonight:** Old school, flashbacks and R&B, with reggae and worldbeats. **Saturday:** Reggae, dance hall. **Sunday:** Soul and R&B. **Wednesday:** Underground Tech-House and trance ambient. **Monday:** Asindee (jungle, drum 'n' bass and two-step garage.) **Wednesday:** Club Three (underground techhouse, trance, ambient.) **Thursday:** Popscene (Britpop, indie, mod, new wave, electronic and '60s soul.) 330 Ritch St., S.F. 415-541-9574.

■ **715 Harrison** — **Saturday:** House, techno and hip-hop. 715 Harrison St., S.F. 415-339-8686

■ **Cat Club** — **Saturday:** Electronica. **Thursday:** New wave, modern rock, and ska on one floor; electrofunk, old school and breakdance on the other. 1190 Folsom St., S.F. 415-431-3332.

■ **Glass Kat** — **Tonight:** Retro, Urban groove and house. **Saturday:** House, trip hop and rare grooves. **Tuesday:** Live Salsa and dance lessons, 8 p.m.-2 a.m. **Wednesday:** House, urban grooves and trans. 520 Fourth Street, S.F. 415-495-6626.

■ **Hi Ball Lounge** — **Tonight:** House and funk. **Saturday:** DJ's spin hits from the '60s, '70s and '80s. **Thursday:** Live jazz, rock and funk. 73 Broadway St., S.F. 415-397-9464.

■ **Hifi** — **Tonight:** Funk, soul and rare groove with DJ Jesse Martinez. **Saturday:** Deep, funky house with DJ Dwight. **Wednesday:** Deep house, trance and breakbeats. **Thursday:** Kandyflip (Fusion of live South Asian instruments and vinyl electronica with house, dub, drum 'n' bass and jungle). 2125 Lombard St., S.F. 415-345-8663.

■ **Holy Cow** — **Tonight:** classics, disco and modern Top 40 with DJ Dave Stebbins. **Saturday:** "Music You Grew Up Loving" (classic old school '80s and house with DJ Ken Louie. **Tuesday:** retro dance with DJ Dave Stebbins. **Wednesday:** "Groovejet," house with DJ BB Hayes. **Thursday:** 80s and modern rock. 1535 Folsom St., S.F. 415-621-6087.

■ **Hotel Utah w— Friday:** "Famous Last Words." **Saturday:** Sex Fresh, Seven and Highdivers. **Sunday:** Zunga and Action Palace. **Monday:** Open mike with Dayla Soul. **Tuesday:** "Jabula" with Fle Top, soundboykilling and sistersss' DJ callaborative. **Wednesday:** Special guest DJs. **Thursday:** "Uncommon Origins" with DJ Satva & Zezer. **Friday:** Extra Ghost and Lakeside Rebar. 500 Fourth St., S.F. 415-546-6300.

■ **Millennium — Saturday:** Old school retro and '80s, progressive house and underground sounds. 1031 Kearny St., S.F. 415-402-0000.

■ **Nickie's BBQ — Tonight:** '70s funk with DJ Wisdom. **Saturday:** Funk and soul classics. **Sunday:** Reggae Sundaze With DJ Ras David I. **Monday:** Grateful Dead tunes with DJ Dark Star Dan. **Tuesday:** International sounds from Arabia, Asia and Africa with DJ Cheb I Sabbah. **Thursday:** Old school funk and soul, New Orleans boogie, and Mardi Gras Indian music with DJ Motion Potion. 460 Haight St., S.F. 415-621-6508

■ **Polly Esther's —** '70s And '80s Disco and retro. 181 Eddy St., S.F. 415-885-1977.

■ **Storyville — Tonight:** Hip hop classics, funk and dancehall. **Saturday:** Eclectic funk, urban folk rock. **Tuesday:** Beat Lounge (eclectic underground hip-hop with DJ's Lloyd, Code 538, Mr. E And Others.) **Wednesday:** Sophisti-funk, soulful, house with live break beats. **Thursday:** Dance hall, reggae, salsa and other Caribbean Beats. 1751 Fulton St., S.F. 415-441-1751.

■ **Top of the Mark — Tonight-Saturday:** Black Market Jazz Orchestra, '30-'60s swing. **Sunday:** Bill Travis Orchestra, classic big band swing. **Monday:** Guitarras y Congas, flamenco, classical jazz and Latin. **Tuesday:** Ben Mercato's Mondo Combo, classic swing. **Wednesday:** Pure Ecstasy, '60-'90s R&B and Motown. **Thursday:** Blue Room Boys, swing and '50s rock. Dance lessons available, call for schedule. Mark Hopkins Intercontinental Hotel, 1 Nob Hill, S.F. 415-616-6916.

Dance

■ **Baroque Dance Party -** Sunday, 5 p.m. Bourré dance lessons and costumed demonstration of the Srabande. $18 general, $15 members, students and seniors. Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 510-528-1685.

■ **Berkeley Folk Dancers** — Community Dance Party, Nov. 17, 7:45 p.m. Dance instruction available. $4 general; $2 ages 13-19. Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-3030.

■ **California Ballet Theatre** — "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King." Tuesday-Wednesday, 7 p.m. The full length production set to the music of Tchaikovsky. $18 adult; $16 children and seniors. Dean Lesher Regional Center of the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. 925-943-7469.

■ **Diablo Ballet** — Thanksgiving family performances, Nov. 24-25, 8 p.m. A program of George Blanschine's classic, "Harlequinade pas de deux," Björk's score of "It Is Not What You Think," and others. $30-$35. Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek 925-943-7469.

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Encore Gymnastics — Rhythmic selections Saturday 7 p.m. A rhythmic gymnastics show featuring members of the Encore Rhythmic Gymnastics competitive team and guests. $5 general, $3 children and seniors. Encore Gym 999 Bancroft Road. Concord. 925 932-1033

The Hard Nut: The Nutcracker in a Twist — Dec. 14, 7-10 p.m. A contemporary, humorous parody of the traditional Nutcracker $57 Zellerbach Hall UC Berkeley. Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 925 676 5200

Mills College Repertory Dance Company — Polka." Thursday Nov 9, 8 p.m. $12 general, $10 students and seniors Mills College. 5000 Macarthur Blvd., Oakland 510 430-2175

MLBA Dance Theatre — Nov. 18, 8 p.m. and Nov 19, 3 p.m. A three-choreographer showcase featuring an original work by Robert Henry Johnson Citicentered Dance Theatre. 1428 Alice St., Oakland. 510 451-1230, 510-532 4930.

Oakland Ballet - "Union Fraternal," tonight Sunday Program includes "Bolero" and Les Sylphides." tonight Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. $15-$39 Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland 510-762-2277, www.oaklandballet.org.

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Bailar Loco — "Slave to Salsa," Nov. 18, 7 p.m. A benefit performance followed by salsa instruction and a salsa dance party. $10 $25 sliding scale Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St., S.F. 415-821-1155.

Ensembles Ballet Folklorico de San Francisco — Through Sunday, 2 p.m. Performance explores the music and dance history of indigenous Mexico, featuring the regions of Chiapas, Puebla and Veracruz. $15. ODC Theater, 3153 17th St., S.F. 415-863-9834.

Hip-Hop Dancefest — Thursday-Sunday. Dance festival devoted to hip-hop grooves, featuring performances from New Style Motherlode, Dance-a-holics Medea Sirkas and others Thursday-Nov. 17, 8 p.m.; Nov. 18-19, 2 and 8 p.m. $18-$20. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St., S.F. 415-621-7797.

Human Nature — Tonight-Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Performance by X-plicit playgroup discovering the body Free New Langton Cultural Center, 766 Valencia St., S.F. 510-848 1985, www.xplicitplay.com

Nancy Karp and Dancers — "Dharma." Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Original music by Paul Dresher inspired by performing arts of India. $20-$24 sliding scale $5 discount students and seniors Opening night benefit, $35-$100 Zellerbach Theater Fort Mason Center, S.F. 510-841-3687, 415-934-8442.

Margaret Jenkins Dance Company — Open Notes An Informal Showing of Works in Progress. Nov 17, 7:30 p.m. A presentation that culminates six months of movement research. $5 donation UC Berkeley Extension Campus Dance Hall Gym. Buchanan and Treat, S.F. 415-826 8399

The Mexican Museum 25th Anniversary Dance — Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Music from MARACA with special guests Los Compas $30 advance, $35 door The Argent Hotel, Fairmont Ballroom, 50 Third St., S.F. 415-202-9700, 415-478-2277.

ODC Theater — "Ballet Folklorico," Nov. 18, 2 p.m. A performance by Los Lupenitez and Alma de Mexico South San Francisco High School $10 general, $5 children and seniors "Cafe Flamenco," Nov. 19, 7 p.m. A performance by Yaelisa and Caminos Flamencos $10-$14 3153 17th St., S.F. 415-863-9834.

Lawrence Pech Dance Company — Through Sunday. World premier of four works, including an exploration of shapes and patterns and a piece using traditional medieval folk songs. Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m. $20-$30 Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 700 Howard St., S.F. 415-978-2787

Project for Emerging Dancers — Thursday-Nov 18, 8 p.m. Works from local choreographers Jessica Adams and Megan Nicely $10 advance, $12 door ODC Theater, 3153 17th St., S.F. 415-863-9834

Smuin Ballets/SF — Through Nov. 19. A program of "Carmina Burana," "Medea," and the premiere of "Sapphire Rain." Call for times $30-$35 Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center Bay and Buchanan streets, S.F. 415-978-2787

Theatre Flamenco — "Sombras Flamencas/ A Tapestry of Flamenco Music and Dance." Nov 24-Dec. 17 Show features two premiers and guest musical artists performing vocal and instrumental work by composer Manuel de Falla. Nov. 24-26: Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center, S.F. Nov. 24-25, 8 p.m. Nov. 26, 2 p.m. 415-441-3687. Dec. 16, 8 p.m.: Mountain View Performing Arts Center Dec. 17, 2 p.m., Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. 925-943-7469. $27 general, $25 youth and seniors. 415-826-1305.

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Limon Dance Company — Tonight-Sunday. A program of Mark Haim's "An Anatomy of Intent" and Jose Limon's "The Moor's Pavane" and "There is a Time." Tonight-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. $12-$15. Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose. 408-928-5564.

Comedy

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Dorseys Locker — Laughter in the Locker, hosted by Harry Goodspeed, Mondays. 5817 Shattuck Ave., Oakland 510-428-1935

Kimball's East - Live Comedy. Thursdays, 7 p.m. $10 cover. Emery bay Public Market. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 510-658-2555, 510-762-BASS, www.kimballs.com.

Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club — Suzanne Westenhoefer, Saturday, 7:30 p.m. $20 advance; $23 at the door Montclair Women's Cultural Art Club. 1250 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510 339 1832.

Tommy T's — Doug Ferrari, Todd Link, Today and Saturday. Mike Macini, Joe Kloseck, Nov. 17-18. $8 Thursday-$10 Friday and Saturday Two item minimum. For age 21 and older Show at 8 p.m. 1655 Willow Pass Road, Concord. 925-686-LAFF.

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Bay Area Theatresports — Main Stage: "Tournament of Champions 2000," semi-finals Nov 18 Dec. 1, finals Dec. 2. "Spontaneous Broadway," Nov. 17, Dec. 16 **Sunday Players:** "Micetro," Sunday, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17. All shows 8 p.m. **Late Night Series:** "Have You Seen It?" Saturday, 10:30 p.m. $7-$12. Bay Front Theater, Fort Mason, Bldg. B, Marina Boulevard at Laguna Street S.F. 415-474-8935, www.improv.org

Bottom of the Hill — Klubstitute Kollective's 6th annual Faux Queen contest. Sunday 8 p.m. Celebrity judge comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer. A benefit for Women's Health. $8-$20 sliding scale. 1233 17th St., S.F. 415-331-1500 x3438

Caffe Sapore — Id Figures Improv Comedy Nov. 18, 8 p.m. $10. 790 Lombard St., S.F. 415-474-1222

Cobb's Comedy Club – Will Durst, Tim Bedore, Scott Genovese, today-Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m., Sunday 8 p.m. Clinton Jackson, Brian Malow, W. Kamau Bell Nov. 16-19. Jake Johansen, Dan St. Paul, Al Madrigal Nov. 24-26. Johnny Steele, Tony Camin, Dan Gabriel, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. All Pro Comedy Showcase, Sundays-Wednesdays 8 p.m. $7-$15. 2801 Leavenworth St., S.F. 415 928-4320, www.webcom.com/shownet.cobbs

Java Source — Laffaccino Comedy Saturdays, 10:30 p.m. Free. 342 Clement St., S.F. 415 387-8025

Ireland's 32 Bar And Grill — Comedy Showcase, every second Tuesday of the month. Nov. 14, 9 p.m. Free. 3920 Geary Blvd., S.F. 415-386 6173. www.irelands32.com

The Marsh's Mock Cafe — Fridays 9 p.m. Standup Open Mic/Comedy Showcase. Saturdays 9 p.m. $5. 1074 Valencia St., S.F. 415-641-0235, www.themarsh.org

One World Cafe — Comedy Open Mike with Corrine Pettys. Fridays 8 p.m. Free. 1799 McAllister St., S.F. 415-776-9358.

Piat's — Gay Comedy Showcase. Mondays 8 p.m. $5. 1686 Market St., S.F. 415-864-3700, qcomedy.com. www.piafs.com

Punch Line — Sue Murphy, Nick Swardson, Kevin Avery, today and Saturday, 9 and 11 p.m. $15. S.F. Comedy Showcase, Sunday. Sabrina Matthews, Brian Malow, Tom Ammiano and Robert Mac, Monday 7 p.m. November 13th. Comedy Allstars, Ngaio Bealum, Brian Malow and Roddy Castro. Tuesday-Thursday, 9 p.m. Carlos Mencia Nov. 16. Margaret Cho, Nov. 24-25. 444 Battery St., S.F. 415-397-4337, 415-421-TIXS.

Rasselas — SF Comedy College Allstars. Sundays 8 p.m. $10. 1534 Fillmore St., S.F. 415-346-8696

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Rooster T. Feathers Chas Elsner, Michael Mancini, through Saturday. Andres Fernandez, Becky Pedigo, Thursday through Nov. 18. $10 cover and two item minimum; for age 21 and older. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. 157 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale 408-736-0921, www.roostertfeathers.com.

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Events

The Buddy Club — Juggler and comedian Daffy Dave and music from Zun Zun, Sunday, 11 a.m. Ventriloquist Steve Chaney and singer Lisa Atkinson, Nov. 19, 11 a.m. $7; ages 1 and under free. The Albany Community Center Theater, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. 510-236-7469.

Contra Costa County Library — Concord Branch: Storyteller Greg Begin. "Stories from Around the World." Thursday 3:30 p.m. 2900 Salvio St., 925-646-5455. San Ramon Branch: Mad Science Fire and Ice. Wednesday 3:30 p.m. 100 Montgomery St., San Ramon. 925-973-2850.

Disney on Ice — "Toy Story," Wednesday-Nov. 19. Based on Disney's animated film with characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Hamm, Mr. Potato Head, and others. Wednesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 and 7:30 p.m., Nov. 19, 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. $11.75-$35. Oakland Arena, 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland. 925-762 BASS, www.DisneyOnIce.com

El Sobrante Library — Gingerbread house making, Tuesday, 3:5 p.m. Build a Polar Express or Hansel and Gretel home. Registration required. 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante. 510-374-3991

Kidzcorner — Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Storytelling, magic, reading and more. Free. Contra Costa Jewish Community Center, 2071 Tice Valley Road, Walnut Creek. 925-938 7800

Kids Movie Night - Tonight, 6-9:30 p.m. Presentation of Hook, pizza, drinks, frozen refreshment, board games and supervision. For kids ages K through 5th grade. $12. Pre registration required. 818 Green Street, Martinez. 925-372-3510.

Redwood Regional Park "Llama Day Trip," Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. With llama packers as guides. Registration required. $35 $39. 7867 Redwood Road, Oakland. 510 636-1684

Splash Circus — "Over the Rainbow.com: (Or a Circus Adventure through the Yellow Brick Screen Saver," Nov. 18-19, 24-26, 2 p.m. A circus rendition of the Wizard of Oz. $10-15 general; $8 students and seniors; $7 ages 13 and under; free ages 2 and under. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-482-5881

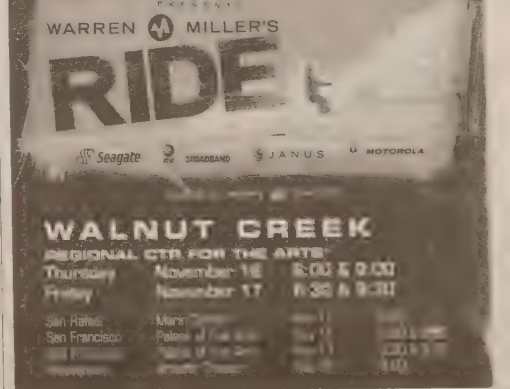
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Ardenwood Historic Farm — $1-$5 general, $1-$4 seniors, $0.50-$4 students and ages 4-17, free ages 3 and under. Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont. 510 796-0199 or 510-796 0663

Barnes and Noble, Oakland — Kids Story Times ongoing. Stories will be read in the Children's book area. Free. Thursday, 4 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m. 98 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland. 510-272 0120.

Chabot Space and Science Center — New location features the Ask Jeeves Planetarium and Zeiss Universarium, the Ten Theater, 3 telescope observatories, Discovery Lab, and Challenger Learning Center. Call for a complete schedule of activities and exhibits. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Planetarium and Theater open evenings Wednesday-Saturday, 7-9 p.m. Observatory Complex open Friday-Saturday, Sunset-10 p.m. $8 general; $5.50 youth $5 seniors. Skyline Boulevard, Oakland. 510-336-7300

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■ **Children's Fairyland USA** — "The Blue Bird," through January. A winter puppet show. $5 general includes unlimited rides, special shows, guest entertainers and puppet shows; free children under age 1. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Grand and Bellevue avenues, Oakland. 510-452-2259, 510-238-6878.

■ **Crab Cove Visitor Center** — "Family Nature Cinema," through Nov. 19. A nature film series. Registration required. Nov. 18 and 19, 3 p.m. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. 510-521-6887.

■ **Habitot Children's Museum** — A museum especially for ages 7 and under. $4 adults; $6 ages 7 and under; $3 for each additional child. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Kittredge Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. 510-647-1111, www.habitot.org.

■ **Hall of Health** — A hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Free. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-1564.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science** — Call for a complete schedule of exhibits and events. **Holt Planetarium** — Programs are recommended for age 8 and up; children under age 6 will not be admitted. $2 in addition to regular museum admission. $6 general; $4 seniors, students, disabled, and youths age 7-18; $2 ages 3-6; free children under age 3. Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-5132, www.lhs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Lindsay Wildlife Museum** — A natural history museum showcasing live native California animals. $5 general; $4 seniors; $3 ages 3-17; free children under age 3. Tuesdays-Fridays, noon to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. 925-935-1978.

■ **Oakland Public Library** — Call Main Library for main and branch activities. Oakland. 510-238-3615.

■ **Oakland Zoo** — African Savanna, ongoing. The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a miniature train, a carousel, and picnic grounds. $6.50 general; $3.50 seniors and ages 2-14; free ages under 2; $3 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road exit off Interstate Highway 580, Oakland. 510-632-9525, www.oaklandzoo.org.

SAN FRANCISCO

Events

■ **Black Box Theatre for Kids** — "The Emperor's New Clothes," through Nov. 19. Storytellers Ann Shay and Russ Duffy retell the classic story with traditional and new characters. $5. Call for times. City College of San Francisco, Bungalow 215 behind the Diego Rivera Theatre, 50 Phelan Ave., S.F. 415-285-8476.

■ **"A Day In the Life: 1901"** — Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Step back in time and explore the historic ships at Hyde Street Pier. Free with Pier admission. San Francisco Maritime Park, Fisherman's Wharf, S.F. 415-556-3002.

■ **Live at the Exploratorium: Origins** — Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. A series of live Web casts takes visitors to research locations around the world to see science as it happens. $9 general; $7 seniors and college students; $5 disabled and ages 6-17; $2.50 ages 3-5; free ages 2 and under. 3601 Lyon St., S.F. 415-397-5673.

■ **The New Conservatory Theatre Center** — "A Christmas Memory," by Truman Capote, Dec. 9-19. The story of a seven-year-old boy and his older child-like cousin set in 1930's rural South. For ages 10 and up. Call for show times. $10 general; $7 children; $5 per child for groups of 10 or more. 25 Van Ness Ave., Lower lobby, S.F. 415-861-4914.

■ **"The Velveteen Rabbit"** — Nov. 24-Dec. 10. Children's classic about the enduring love between a boy and his stuffed toy rabbit. $12-$37. Call for complete schedule of show times. Special event: ODC's Milk and Cookies Party, Nov. 26. Following 2 p.m. performance of the Velveteen Rabbit, kids can enjoy holiday treats and learn how to dance with the Rabbit and other Velveteen Rabbit characters. $10. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 700 Howard St., S.F. 415-978-2787.

■ **The Kristi Yamaguchi Holiday Ice Rink at Embarcadero Center** — Wednesday-Jan. 7. An ice rink for skaters of all ages and abilities. Sundays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m. $6 general; $3 children; $3 skate rental. Justin Herman Plaza, S.F. 415-956-2688.

■ **Young Performers Theatre** — "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe," through Nov. 19. Saturdays, 1 p.m.; Sundays, 1 and 3:30 p.m. $8 general; $5 ages 12 and under. Fort Mason Center, Marina Boulevard and Buchanan Street, Building C, Room 300, S.F. 415-346-5550.

■ **Youth Theater Festival** — 'Just Change," Sunday, 3 p.m. A one-day musical extravaganza performed by San Francisco teens. Free. Potrero Hill Middle School of the Arts, 655 De Haro, S.F. 415-285-1717.

Ongoing

■ **Asian Art Museum of San Francisco** — Children's Storytelling, Sunday, 1-2 p.m. Features stories relating to the current exhibitions. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Meet in Gruhn Court at the foot of the stairs. Free after museum admission. $7 general; $5 seniors; $4 ages 12-17; free ages 11 and under. Music Concourse, Golden Gate Park, S.F. 415-379-8801 or 415-379-8879.

■ **Borders Books and Music** — Children's Storytime, ongoing. Sunday, 2 p.m. Free. 400 Post St., S.F. 415-399-1633.

■ **California Academy of Sciences** — $8.50 general; $5.50 seniors, students with ID and youths age 12-17; $2 ages 4-11; free ages 3 and under; free first Wednesday of each month. Golden Gate Park Music Concourse, S.F. 415-750-7145, www.calacademy.org. **Morrison Planetarium** — Tickets, after regular Academy admission, are $2.50 general; $1.25 ages 6-17 and seniors. 415-750-7141.

■ **California Palace of the Legion Of Honor** — $8 general; $6 seniors; $5 ages 12-17; free ages 11 and under; free to all second Wednesday of the month. Tuesday-Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Lincoln Park, 34th Avenue and Clement Street, S.F. 415-863-3330, www.thinker.org.

■ **M.H. de Young Memorial Museum** — $7 general; $5 seniors; $4 ages 12-17; free ages 11 and under; free to all the first Wednesday of each month. Tuesday-Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m.-8:45 p.m. Golden Gate Park, 75 Tea Garden Drive, S.F. 415-863-3330, www.thinker.org.

■ **The Randall Museum** — Exhibit — "Trash Bash," ongoing. A hands-on recycling exhibit about the need to conserve natural resources and how to do it. Free. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 199 Museum Way, S.F. 415-554-9600

■ **San Francisco Zoo** —Meerkat and Prairie Dog Exhibit," ongoing. "Australian Walkabout," ongoing. "The Little Puffer." San Francisco Zoo's old-fashioned miniature train. Weather permitting. San Francisco residents: $7 general: $3.50 ages 12-17 and seniors; $1.50 ages 3-11; free ages 2 and under. Non-residents: $9 general; $6 ages 12-17 and seniors; $3 ages 3-11; free ages 2 and under. Free first Wednesday of the month. Daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sloat Boulevard and 45th Avenue, S.F. 415-753-7080, www.sfzoo.org.

■ **Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens** — Call for schedule of free talks and tours. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Golden Gate Park, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way, S.F. 415-661-1316, www.strybing.org.

■ **Zeum and the Rooftop at Yerba Buena Gardens** — Call for hours of skating rink and bowling alley: 415-777-3727. Looff Carousel, ongoing. Daily, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. $1 a ride. **Zeum** — A high-tech, hands-on learning center for children. "No Strings: A Festival of Performance Puppetry," through Dec. 16. A festival of live theater and performance. Call for a complete schedule of performances and prices. Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesdays-Fridays, noon to 6 p.m. $7 general; $6 seniors and students; $5 ages 5-18; free ages 4 and under; free to all for the last 30 minutes of public hours. Fourth and Howard streets, S.F. 415-777-2800, www.zeum.org.

NORTH BAY

Ongoing

■ **Bay Area Discovery Museum** — Seuss!, through Jan. 21. An interactive exhibit based on the popular children's books. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. $7 general; $6 ages 1-18; free under age 1. Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fort Baker, 557 McReynolds Road, near Sausalito. 415-487-4398.

■ **Book Passage** — Children's Storytime, ongoing. An hour of songs, stories and poems for children with Christopher Smith. Sunday, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera. 415-927-0960.

■ **Slide Ranch** — At this ranch on the coast, one might milk the goats, feed the chickens, hike the trails and eat lunch in the garden. Two miles north of Muir Beach on State Highway 1. 415-381-6155, www.slideranch.org.

SOUTH BAY

Events

■ **Disney on Ice** — "Toy Story," through Sunday. Based on Disney's animated film with characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Hamm, Mr. Potato Head, and others. Tonight, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11:30 a.m.; 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. $11.75-$35. San Jose Arena, 525 W. Santa Clara St., San Jose. 408-998-8497, www.DisneyOnIce.com.

Ongoing

■ **Monterey Bay Aquarium** — $15.95 general; $12.95 seniors, college students and youths age 13-17; $7.95 ages 3-12; free children under age 3 Daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 886 Cannery Row, Monterey. Information: 831-648-4888. Tickets: 408-998-BASS, 800-756-3737, www.montereybayaquarium.org

■ **Roaring Camp and Big Trees Railroad** — Call for pricing and schedules $5 per car for parking. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-sunset. West of Scotts Valley on Graham Hill Road, Felton 831-335-4484, www.roaringcamp.com.

■ **Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk** — Tuesday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 400 Beach St., Santa Cruz. 831- 426-7433. www.beachboardwalk.com.

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EAST BAY

■ **Ruth Bancroft Gardens** — More than 2,000 specimens from around the world that thrive in an arid climate also thrive here. Gardens open only for tours and special events listed on the hotline. 1500 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. 925-210-9663, www.ruthbancroftgarden.org.

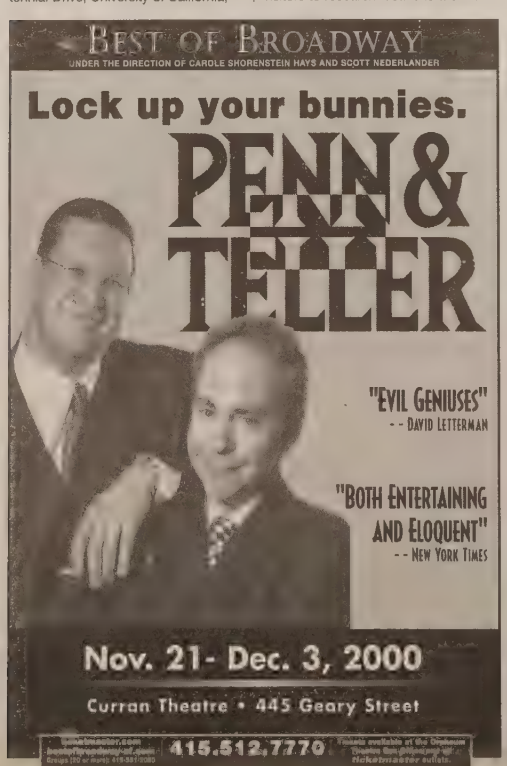
■ **Berkeley City Club Tours** — Guided tours through Berkeley's City Club, a landmark building designed by architect Julia Morgan, designer of Hearst Castle. $2. The fourth Sunday of every month except December, between noon and 4 p.m. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-7800.

■ **Caldecott Tunnel Tour** — The two-hour tour includes a movie, a walk-the giant ventilation ducts that run above the bores of the Caldecott Tunnel and learning the intricacies of running a tunnel system. Tours for six or more people. Reservations required. Ask for Ray or Sherman to make a reservation. Free. Wednesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. Caldecott Tunnel, state Highway 24, Oakland. 510-286-0315.

■ **Camron-Stanford House** —The Camron-Stanford House, a stately, 1876 Italianate-style home which was at one time the Oakland Public Museum, has been restored and furnished with appropriate period furnishings by the Camron-Stanford House Preservation Association. It is the last Victorian house on Lake Merritt's shore. Tours available on Wednesday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. $4 general; $2 seniors; $1 ages 12-18; free ages 11 and under. 14th Street and Lakeside Drive, Oakland. 510-444-1876.

■ **Casa Peralta** — Once the home of descendants of the 19th-century Spanish soldier and Alameda County landowner Don Luis Maria Peralta, the Casa features Moorish exterior design and hand-painted tiles, some of which tell the story of Don Quixote. The interior is furnished in 1920s decor. Call ahead to confirm hours. Free. Friday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 384 W. Estudillo Ave., San Leandro. 510-577-3474, 510-577-3492.

■ **Chouinard Vineyards and Winery** — The winery features an exhibit of stonecraft and baskets honoring the rich culture of the Ohlone Indians. Palomares Canyon was a summer home to the Ohlone Indians. The exhibit also includes historical photos and artifacts which document more recent colorful inhabitants to the canyon. Tasting Room: Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. 33853 Palomares Road, Castro Valley. 510-582-9900.



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■ **Alcatraz Island** — Self-guided, evening and audio tours are available. Call for schedules and pricing Boats to the island depart daily every half hour between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Reservations suggested. Board at Pier 41, S F. 415-705-1042; 415-705-5555.

■ **Angel Island State Park** — Tram-Tours: $11.50 general, $10.50 seniors; $7.50 youths age 6-12; free ages 5 and under Daily, 8 a.m to sunset Ferries from Tiburon, Vallejo or San Francisco. 415-435-1915 or 415-435-2131.

■ **Chinese Heritage Walk** —Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30 a m Reservations required. $30 general; $15 ages 11 and under. Chinese Culture Foundation, Holiday Inn, Third Floor, 750 Kearny St , S F 415-986-1822

■ **City Guides Walking Tours of San Francisco** — The nonprofit organization examines the city through fascinating historical prisms. At the starting point listed, look for the person with the City Guide badge. Tours are held rain or shine. Call for a schedule. Free. S.F. 415-557-4266.

■ **Customized Tours of San Francisco** — The Great Frisco Crime Tour. Film and Fiction Tour. The Historical/Hysterical Tour of San Francisco. S.F. 415-469-2088.

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■ **"Mel Fisher's Sunken Treasure Exhibit"** — Ongoing. An exhibit of Spanish treasure discovered by the Fisher family off the coast of Florida, and by other treasure hunters from around the world. Free. Daily, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Second Level, Pier 39, The Embarcadero at the foot of Beach Street, S.F. 415-956-3494.

■ **Footnotes Street Theater** — "The Living Literature Tour," Wednesdays-Sundays, 7 p.m Actors Sal and Mardou covers the beatnik landmarks including watering holes, pubs, coffeehouses, jazz clubs and playhouses. Price includes a meal at Cafe Niebaum-Coppola. Reservations required. $55. Meet at Washington Square, corner of Union and Columbus streets, S.F. 415-381-0713, www tactileheart.com.

■ **Fort Mason Center Tours** — Take a guided walk through this cultural and recreational facility where 50 arts, environmental and cultural groups have converted military warehouses into museums, theaters, galleries, classrooms and workshops. Reservations required. Free. Second and fourth Saturday, 11 a.m. Fort Mason Center Offices, Building A, Buchanan Street and Marina Boulevard, S.F. 415-441-5706.

■ **Geary Theater** — The 75-minute tour includes backstage areas otherwise closed to the public and offers an opportunity for adults and children to see how theaters operate Tours are wheelchair accessible but reservations requested for specific accommodations $8 general; $4 seniors and students, $2 for children age 6 to 12 Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:30 a.m 415 Geary St., S F 415-749-2228, www act-sfbay org

■ **Mangia North Beach Walking Tour** — Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tours includes stops at a 75 year-old Italian deli, a truffle-making shop, two Catholic churches, and more, lead by GraceAnn Walden, restaurant writer. Family-style lunch at Enrico's Sidewalk Cafe concludes the tour $45 Call for reservations Meet at Stockton and Columbus Streets. 415-397-8530

■ **National Aids Memorial Grove** — Tours of the Grove, ongoing An informal guided tour of the grove, an area dedicated to those affected by HIV/AIDS Free Thursday, 9:30 a m - 12 30 p m , for tours at other times call for an appointment. Golden Gate Park, near corner of Middle East and Bowling Green Drives, S F 415-750-8340 www aidsmemorial.org

■ **Pacific Bell Park Tours** — Tours last one hour and cover approximately two miles. $8-$10 general; $5 seniors and ages 12 and under. Daily, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., every hour on the hour; limited tour during the day of night games; no tours on the day of day games. Third and King streets, S.F. 415-972-2400.

■ **Precita Eyes Mural Arts Center** — "The Mission Trail: A Self Guided Walking Tour." The tour begins at Valencia and 24th Streets and features historical locations, local businesses, cultural and community organizations and murals. Pick up a map at the Center. Free. Mission District Mural Walks, ongoing. A public mural walk with an introductory slide/talk by a muralist from Precita Eyes Mural Arts Center. Meet at the Center. Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. $7 general; $6 seniors; $1 ages 17 and under. Tours leave from the Precita Eyes Mural Store at 348 Precita Ave. Second Sunday of the month, 11 a.m. $10. 2981 24th St., S.F. 415-285-2287.

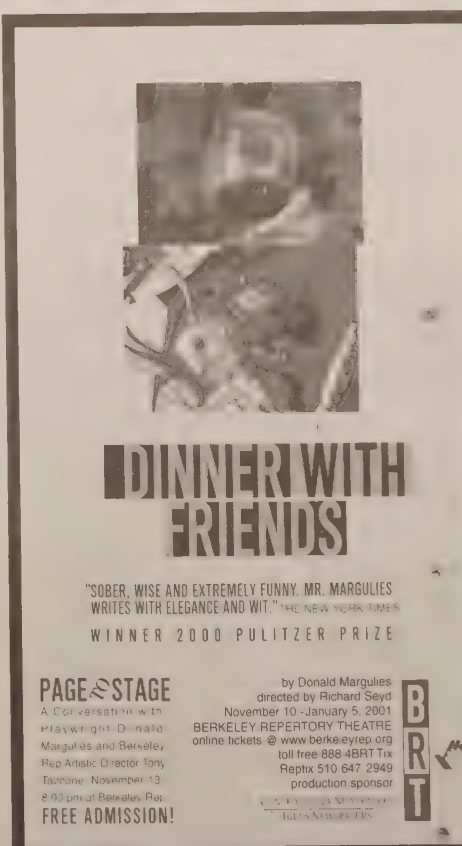
■ **The Foundation for San Francisco Architectural Heritage Tours** — Victorian and Edwardian Pacific Heights Walk, every Sunday, 12:30 p m "Haas-Lilienthal House Tours," Wednesday and Sunday. The house tour takes approximately one hour. Wednesday, from noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, from 11 a.m.-4 p m. $5 general, $3 seniors and ages 11 and under. Meet in the Ballroom of the Haas-Lilienthal House, 2007 Franklin St., S.F. 415-441-3000.

■ **San Francisco Fire Engine Tours and Adventures** — Ongoing A 1955 Mack fire engine takes riders on a one hour trip through the Presidio and over the Golden Gate Bridge, and a tour along Fisherman s Wharf and through North Beach Reservations recommended. $22 general, $11 age 11 and under The Cannery, 2801 Leavenworth St , S.F. 415-333-7077, www fireengine tours.com

■ **San Francisco Performing Arts Center Tours** — Tours of Davies Symphony Hall, the War Memorial Opera House and Herbst Theater. Tours leave from the Grove Street entrance to Davies Symphony Hall. Monday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., on the hour $5 general; $3 students and seniors. Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall, Grove Street and Van Ness Avenue, S.F. 415-552-8338.

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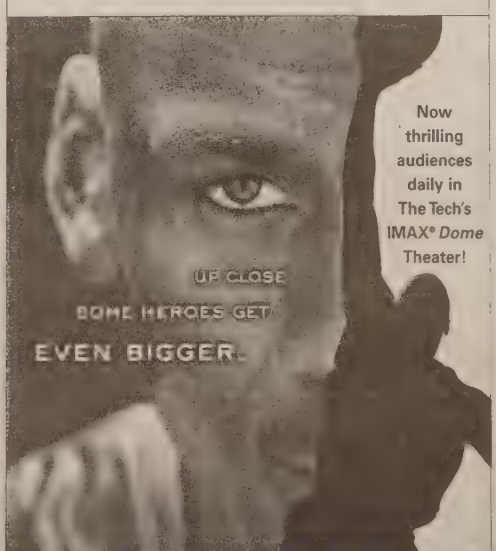




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■ **"A San Francisco Walkabout" —** Ongoing. A walking tour of downtown San Francisco with veteran tour guide Gary Holloway. Friday-Sunday 10 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday 2 p.m. Reservations and prepayment required. $20 includes admission to the San Francisco Historical Society Museum. S.F. 415-357-1848.

■ **San Francisco's Transfer and Recycling Station Tour —** "Making Art, Not Landfill." An artist-in-residence program educates the public about preserving the environment through reuse and recycling. The Joseph E. Johnson Sculpture Garden features artwork, landscaping and a waterless rock waterfall made from parts of the old Embarcadero Freeway. Reservations required. Free. Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, 10 a.m. 401 Tunnel Ave., S.F. 415-330-1414.

■ **UC San Francisco Mission Bay Tours —** Tour the site where the University of California of San Francisco is building its new 43-acre campus. Reservations required one week in advance. Free. The third Thursday of the month, noon to 1:30 p.m. Meet at the UCSF library, 530 Parnassus Ave., S.F. 415-476-4394.

■ **Victorian Home Walk —** Reservations required. $20. Daily, 11 a.m. Meet "under the clock" at the Westin St. Francis Hotel, Powell and Geary Streets, S.F. 415-252-9485.

Lectures/workshops

EAST BAY

■ **Barnes and Noble / Walnut Creek** — Writers Workshop, Monday, 7:30 p.m. Freelance writer Herb Fagen leads discussion on writing memoirs. 1149 S. Main St., Walnut Creek. 925-947-0373.

■ **Cal Performances** — David Sedaris and Sarah Vowell, acclaimed writers and humorists heard regularly on National Public Radio will read from their personal chronicles, Wednesday 8 p.m. **Sold out.** Zellerbach Hall. Bancroft Way at Telegraph, UC Berkeley. 510-642-9988.

■ **Diablo Valley College** — Paul Gauguin and Vincent Van Gogh, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-noon, with instructor Virginia Walker. A slide workshop that examines the lives and work of the artists. Humanities 109, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. "President's Wives: A Reflection of Changing Times," Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-noon, with instructor Gay Joyce. Hillside Clubhouse, Vista Room, Rossmoor. $10 general; $8 members. 925-676-8796.

■ **Fall Fair and Educational Day on Urban Agriculture** — Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Presentations and activities to learn about sustainable urban agriculture. Free. Gill Tract, corner of Mann and San Pablo, Albany. 510-496-6076, www.bacua.org.

■ **Global Exchange** — Professor Paul Farmer, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Drive Farmer leads a discussion on the health crisis in Haiti. $5-$15. St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-558-0371.

■ **The Independent Institute** — "Gun Control: Separating Fact from Myth," Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Gary Kleck, Professor of Criminology, Florida State University and David Kopel, Independence Institute, in discussion. $10 general; $7 members. 100 Swan Way, Oakland. 510-632-1366, www.independent.org.

■ **John F. Kennedy University** — Touch Drawing with Deborah Koff-Chapin, tonight, 7 p.m. An introduction to the technique and its origins. Workshop, Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. $15 lecture; $100 lecture and workshop "The Alphabet Versus the Goddess," Nov. 17, 7 p.m. Author Leonard Schlain discusses his ideas and writings on the relationship between art, gender, technology and cosmology $15. Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley Business Center, 2nd floor, Berkeley. 510-649-0499.

■ **Judah L. Magnes Museum** — "Time Across Cultures," Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Guest speakers Fred Astren, Professor, San Francisco State University; Benjamin Foley Benson, Native American Studies Program, Santa Rosa Junior College; and Joyce Bishop, Professor of Anthropology, California State University, Sacramento. Call for prices St. Clement's Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd., Berkeley. 510-549-6950

■ **Mills College** — "Sunday Symposium I: Spheres of Influence," Sunday, 2 p.m. Guest Speakers Frances Butler, Julie Chen, Anne Siberell, Theresa Whitehill. Moderated by Sas Colby Free. Mills College, Heller Room, Olin Library, 5000 MacArthur, Oakland. 415-565-0545

■ **REI Berkeley** — "Sea Kayaking in the Bay Area and Baja," Thursday, 7 p.m. "Snowshoeing Basics," Nov. 30, 7 p.m. Free. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-527-4140. **REI Concord —** "Snowboarding 101," Nov. 28, 7 p.m. "The ABCs of GPS," Nov. 29, 7 p.m. Elisabeth Andreason shows some of the practical applications of using Global Positioning System receivers. Free. The Willows Shopping Center, 1975 Diamond Blvd., Concord. 925-825-9400.

■ **San Francisco Opera Guild —** "Der Rosenkavalier," by Richard Strauss, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Guest speaker Simon Williams. $7. St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga Way, Orinda. 510-527-1846.

■ **San Francisco Romance Writers of America** — Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. A panel of local authors speak on romance sub-genres and publishing houses. $25 general; $22 members. HS Lordships Restaurant, Berkeley Marina, Berkeley. 415-831-0824.

■ **Vasa Order of America** — Author Alan Winquist, "Swedish Landmarks in America," Nov. 17, 7 p.m. A multimedia presentation featuring Swedish landmarks in California. $5 donation. Odd Fellows Hall, 4349 Cowell Road, Concord. 925-757-9463

■ **Writing Workshop** — Nov. 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Bay Area novelist, screenwriter and writing coach Ray Nelson leads a workshop for writers about starting and sustaining their own writing workshops. Sponsored by California Writer's Club. Free. Temescal Public Library, 5205 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-597-0311.

SAN FRANCISCO

■ **American Decorative Arts Forum** — "Art in the Empire City: New York, 1825-1861," Tuesday, 8 p.m. Guest Speaker Catherine H. Voorsanger of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. $7 general; free members. Gould Auditorium, Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, S.F. 415-249-9234.

■ **California College of Arts and Crafts —** "The Architecture, the Body and the Gesture," Monday, 7 p.m. Guest speaker Florence Lipsky, architect. Free. CCAC, Timken Lecture Hall, 1111 Eighth St., S.F. 415-703-9562.

■ **City Arts and Lectures** — Author Barbara Kingsolver, Tuesday, 8 p.m. In conversation with Penny Nelson. Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon St., S.F.

Author Anna Quindlen. Wednesday, 8 p.m. In conversation with Penelope Lively. Nov. 30, 8 p.m. Author Patricia Cornwell. Dec. 1, 8 p.m. In conversation with Patricia Holt. $17. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave., S.F. 415-392-4400.

■ **Mechanics' Institute —** A New Arts and Culture Series. Nov. 15, 6 p.m. A panel of experts on the design and creation of the theatre and arts district between the Civic Center Free S.F. 415-393-0100. www.m...

■ **San Francisco Maritime National Park Library** — "The Mormon Migration to America in the 19th Century," Sunday, 3-4 p.m. Guest speaker Fred E. Woods. Associate professor, Brigham Young University. Woods will present a lecture and slide show. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness Center, Bldg E, S.F. ...

■ **San Francisco Zen Center —** "Practicing Citizenship," tonight, 7 p.m. Guest speaker Jerry Brown, mayor of Oakland. $15. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St., S.F. 415-885-...

■ **"Words On Dance" —** Nov. 18, 2 p.m. Choreographer Michael Smuin and former San Francisco Ballet dancer, Evelyn Cisneros discuss the past, present and future of ... Herbst theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave. 415-392-4400. www.boxes.com

■ **Zen Hospice Project —** "Conversations On Death," Nov. ... Guest Speaker Manon ... versity of San Francisco ... Theatre, 2350 Turk Bl... Woodman Workshop, Nov. ... 4 p.m. Fort Mason/Golden ... ference Center, Landman ... Marina Boulevard and Buchanan Street. S.F. $20 lecture ... lecture and workshop ... www.ticketweb.com

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■ **Amador-Livermore Historical Society Museum —** ... through Dec. 30. Featuring ... trains, watercolor train paintings ... heritage photographs of train ... pots of the Tri-Valley Donated ... Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 ... Sunday, 1-4 p.m. ... Pleasanton. 925-462-2766.

■ **The Blackhawk Museum —** ... ders," through Spring ... sive traveling exhibit organized ... Smithsonian institution that will ... get face-to-face with some of ... iliest spiders in existence. $8 ... seniors and students; free for ... under. Wednesday-Sunday, ... p.m. 3700 Blackhawk Plaza ... Danville. 925-736-2...

■ **Ebony Museum of Art —** ... Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 ... noon to 6 p.m. 30 ... age Suite 208, ... Street Branch ... ing's the site of ... which has been ... appointment only. ... 763-0141. Oakland.

■ **Judah L. Magnes Museum —** ... ning Photography Show ... Richard Nagler. Opening ... Magnes Museum for Eastern ... Jewish Photography ... ary. An exhibit of works ... phers from the United States ... rael. "Telling Time ... Is A Season" through ... exhibit structures ... of the year. Free. ... a.m.-4 p.m. 2911 ... 510-549-6950.

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College Art Museum — "Tom ... The First Five Years' Work," ... Dec. 23. An exhibit highlighting ... expressionistic paintings and ...ensional painted construc- ...om 1961-66. Artist Reception, ...y, 2-4 p.m. Free. Tuesday-Satur- ...1 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 ...000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland ...93-2164 or 510-430-3250.

...um of the San Ramon Valley ...e Tuesday-Friday, 1-4 p.m.; Sat- ...10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Depot, W. ...ert and Railroad Avenues, ...fe 925-837-3750

...e Oakland Museum of California ...ted by Ideals: Arequipa Pottery ...le Arts and Crafts Movement," ...ugh April 29. An exhibit of pottery ...ced at the Arequipa Sanatorium in ...County dunng the years 1911- ... "Secret World of the Forbidden ...Icendors from China's Imperial ...s" through Jan. 24. A major ex- ...ion of objects allowing a rare ...se of into the Chinese Imperial ...d under the Qing Dynasty, including ...peral Throne Room, ceremonial ...mount robes, solid gold dining ...and imperial jewelry $13 general ...students and seniors "California ...ures: Biological Art and Illustration," ...ugh May 13. $6 general; $4 seniors ...dents; free ages 5 and under; ...ds Sundays are free to all. Call for ...s. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. 888-625- ...; www.museumca.org.

...C Berkeley Art Museum — "Shirin ...ad MATRIX 187: Turbulent," clos- ...Sunday. An exhibit of video installa- ...exploring the complex intellectual ...religious forces shaping the iden- ...of Muslim women throughout the ... "Videoscape: The National Cen- ...Experiments in Television, 1967- ... closing Wednesday. An exhibit ...deep artifacts from the NCET. "Wolf- ...La's MATRIX 188: Pollen from ...through Dec. 17. An installation ...ct entirely from pine pollen the ...also collected by hand in the country- ...ear his home in rural Germany. ...nts in the Drawing Room: The ...Romaine Brooks," through Jan ...a retrospective showcasing the ...of the gay heiress and American ...taste. Call for a complete schedule ...exhibitions. $6 general; $4 seniors ...students age 12-18; free children ...and under; free Thursday, 11 ...to noon and 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, ...Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs- ...11 a.m.-9 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, ...ley. 510-642-0808.

...C Berkeley Museum of Paleontology — Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m Free. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley 510-642-1821

■ **UC Berkeley Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology** — ""The Art of Research: Nelson Graburn and the Aesthetics of Inuit Sculpture," through June 30. An exhibit of soapstone carvings and photographs. "Tzintzuntzan, Mexico: Photographs by George Foster," through June 30. A body of photographs with images taken over more than half a century by Foster. $2 general; $1 seniors; $0.50 ages 17 and under; free on Thursdays. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. 510-643-7648.

■ **USS Hornet Museum** — $10 general; $8 seniors and military, active or inactive; $5 ages 5-16; free under age 5. Wednesday-Monday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Pier 3 (enter at Atlantic Avenue), Alameda Point, Alameda. 510-521-8448, www.uss-hornet.org.

■ **Western Aerospace Museum** —.$6 general; $2 ages 6-12; free children under age 6. Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. North Field, Oakland International Airport, 8260 Boeing St., Building 621, Oakland. 510-638-7100.

San Francisco

■ **Asian Art Museum of San Francisco** — "Between the Thunder and the Rain: Chinese Paintings from the Opium War through the Cultural Revolution, 1840-1979," through Jan. 14. One of the first exhibits to explore the artistic achievements created during a tumultuous period in Chinese history. $7 general; $5 seniors; $4 ages 12-17; free ages 11 and under; free to all the first Wednesday of each month. Tuesday-Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m.-8:45 p.m Golden Gate Park Music Concourse, S.F. 415-379-8801, www.asianart.org.

■ **California Historical Society Museum** — "Cut and Paste: California Scrapbooks," through Dec. 31. This exhibit features eclectic and valuable historical slices of life from the late 19th and 20th centuries consisting of scrapbooks, diaries and photo albums $3 general; $1 seniors and students; free ages 5 and under. Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 678 Mission St., S.F. 415-357-1848, www.calhist.org.

■ **California Palace of the Legion of Honor** — "An American Focus: The Anderson Graphic Arts Collection," through Dec. 31. An exhibit of contemporary American prints. "Old Master Prints from the Berolzheimer Collection," through Jan. 10. An exhibit of Old Master prints given by Michael G. Berolzheimer. $8 general; $6 seniors; $5 ages 12-17; free ages 11 and under; free to all second Wednesday of the month. Tuesday-Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Lincoln Park, 34th Avenue and Clement Street, S.F. 415-863-3330, www.thinker.org

■ **Cartoon Art Museum** — "Ridiculing the Rhetoric," closing Sunday. An exhibit of cartoons from the campaign trail. "Trick of Treat: 50 Years of Wacky Cartoon Costumes," through Dec. 10 An exhibit of colorful costumes Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. $5 general; $3 seniors and students; $2 ages 6-12; free ages 5 and under; first Wednesday of the month is "pay as you wish." 814 Mission St., S.F. 415-227-8666, www.cartoonart.org

■ **M.H. de Young Memorial Museum** — Closing Dec. 31 for renovation. "Great Nature: The Transcendent Landscapes of Chiura Obata," through Dec. 31. An exhibit of sumi-e, large-scale scrolls, color woodblock prints, and a selection of the artist's own materials. "The Kingdoms of Edward Hicks," through Dec. 31. "John Gutmann: Photographer/Collector," through Dec. 31. $7 general; $5 seniors; $4 age 12-17; free ages 11 and under; free to all the first Wednesday of each month. Tuesday-Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m.-8:45 p.m. 75 Tea Garden Drive, Golden Gate Park, S.F. 415-863-3330, www.thinker.org.

■ **The Jewish Museum of San Francisco** —"Light, Life, Libeskind: A Look at the New Jewish Museum San Francisco," through Jan. 28. A series of drawings, computer renderings and models that reveal ideas for the museum's future home in the Yerba Buena Center arts district. Sunday-Wednesday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 121 Steuart St., S.F 415-543-8880 or 415-788-9990

■ **The Mexican Museum** — "Chicanos En Mictlan: Dia De Los Muertos In California," through Dec. 31. This exhibit outlines the origins and influences of Day of the Dead observances in California through works by over 50 artists. $4 general; $3 seniors and students; free ages 12 and under; free first Wednesday of the month from noon to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.; first Wednesday of every month, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Building D, Fort Mason Center, Buchanan Street and Marina Boulevard. S.F. 415-441-0404

■ **Museo Italoamericano** — "Benimamino Bufano: A Retrospective," through Jan. 14, 2001. An exhibit of works including poems, rare drawings, prints, paintings, mosaics, and sculptures. $3 general; $2 students and seniors; free ages 11 and under; free to all first Wednesday of the month Wednesday-Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, noon to 7 p.m. Building C, Fort Mason Center, Buchanan Street and Marina Boulevard, S.F. 415-673-2200, www.well.com

■ **Museum of Craft and Folk Art**— "Death and Memory: Mexico's *Dia de los Muertos*," through Nov. 26. "A Tribute to Dorothy Weiss: Contemporary Ceramics," through Nov. 26. $3 general; $1 students and seniors, free ages 11 and under; $5 family ticket; free to all first Wednesday of the month. Call for hours. Building A, Fort Mason Center, Buchanan Street and Marina Boulevard, S.F. 415-775-0991

■ **San Francisco African-American Historical and Cultural Society** — A collection of exhibits featuring the works of African-American artists $2 general; $1 students and seniors; free ages 11 and under; free first Wednesday of the month. Wednesday-Sunday noon to 5 p.m.; first Wednesday. noon to 7 p.m. Building C, Room 165, Fort Mason Center, Buchanan Street and Marina Boulevard, S.F. 415-441-0640

■ **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art** — "Double Feature: New Works by Nick Crowe and Gary Hill," through Jan. 15. Featuring the exhibits of Crowe's "The New Medium" and Hill's Remembering Paralinguay." "Friendly Witnesses: The Worlds of Warren Sonbert," through Dec. 17. A retrospective exhibit of the late avant-garde filmmaker. Eight programs detailing the influences, style, and themes of Sonbert's work, Sundays, 1 and 3:30 p.m "Celebrating Modern Art· The Anderson Collection," through Jan. 15. "The Darker Side of Playland: Childhood Imagery from the Logan Collection,' through Jan. 2. Call for a complete schedule of exhibits. $9 general; $6 seniors; $5 students; free ages 12 and under; half-price Thursdays from 6 -9 p.m.; free to all first Tuesday of the month. Call for hours. 151 Third St., S.F. 415-357-4000, www.sfmoma.org

Galleries

■ **A.C.C.I. Gallery** — "Figurative Art,' through Nov. 18. "Crap Shoot," through Nov. 31. An exhibit of paintings by Philip Buscemi. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Free. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2527.

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■ **The Adobe Art Center Gallery —** "A Passage in Time: Bodie and The Eastern Sierras" closing Wednesday. 20395 San Miguel Drive, Castro Valley. 510-881-6735.

■ **Alamo-Danville Artists' Society** — Call for a schedule of exhibits. 925-314-3470.925-314-3470.

■ **Albany Arts Committee —** "Straight from the Heart," through Dec. 7. Pastels, painted still lifes and collages by Tanna Bellia. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. 510-524-9283.

■ **Amoeba Music** — "Amoeba," through Feb. 2001. A visceral art installation with translucent prints and objects by Jane L.H. Marcavage. Free. 2455 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-985-6493.

■ **Antioch Civic Arts Commission** — "Esteva's Creative Spirit," through Dec. 9. Sculpture, ceramics, painting and poetry by Waldo Esteva. Wednesday-Friday, noon to 3 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment. Lynn House Gallery, 809 First St., Antioch. Lynn House Gallery, 809 First St., Antioch. 925-779-7018.■ **Artists 7 —** Open studio events featuring works by M. Barta Atkins, Sharon Dwyer, Susan Heimer, Kathy Ries, Marcia Ritz, Donna Sanson of Cindy Sullivan. Dec. 2-3: 18492 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley. Works in Watercolor, photography, mixed media, jewelry, prints, colored pencil, pastel, oil and graphite. Works are for sale. Saturdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. 510-481-1967, 510-489-3648.

■ **Bedford Gallery —** "Witness: Endangered Species of North America," through Jan. 7. An exhibit of large-scale photographic portraits of plants and animals on the Endangered Species list of North America by naturalist-photographers Susan Middleton and David Liittschawager. Call for hours. Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. 925-295-1417.

■ **California College of Arts and Crafts** — "Scanner," Saturday-Dec. 16. A selection of recent innovations in digital media. Opening Reception, tonight, 6-8 p.m. Free. Call for hours. Oliver Art Center, 5212 Broadway, Oakland. 415-551-9210 or 510-594-3712.

■ **Chi Gallery —** Orlonda Offre, through Nov. 25. An exhibit of acrylic paintings that explore the Haiti and classic nudes. Carol Brighton, through Nov. 25. An exhibit of handmade paper and monoprint. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 912A Clay St., Oakland. 510-832-4244.

■ **City of San Pablo —** "Contra Costa College Student Art Exhibit," Nov. 19-Jan. 13, 2001. A juried exhibit of sculpture, photography, and drawings by art students from the college. "Form & Color," closing Sunday. New paintings, monoprints and sculpture by Jan Dove, Sofie Siegmann, and Woody Johnson. San Pablo Civic Center, Maple Hall, One Alvarado Square, 13381 San Pablo Ave. 510-836-2663.

■ **Concord Art Association** — "Local Color: Paintings That Reflect the Life and the Light of the Mt. Diablo Valley," through January 12, 2001. A holiday show and sale. Monday-Wednesday, 1-9 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Clayton Library, 6125 Clayton Road 925-673-0659.

■ **Concord Ceramics** — Annual Christmas Sale, through Dec. 23. Open house, Dec. 1, 4:30-8:30 p.m. 3031 Willow Pass Road, Concord. 925-687-5655.

■ **Lindsay Dirkx Brown Art Gallery** — "Paint, Ink & Porcelain," Dec. 2-30. Freeform slab porcelain bowls, block prints, Japanese haiga, watercolor, gouache, oil and acrylic paintings. Opening reception, Dec. 10, 2-5 p.m. Call for hours. San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. 925-275-2300.

■ **East Bay Women Artists** — "Dynamic Expressions," through Jan. 1, 2001 Paintings, collage, mixed media, photography and sculpture. Daily, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-0348.

■ **Galerie De Ville** — Betty Boggess Lathrap exhibits her plein air paintings with a cheese and wine reception, tonight, 6:30-9:30 p.m. 101 Orinda Way, Orinda. 925-253-1777, www.miro-picasso.com

■ **Gallery Concord** — New works California Watercolor Association artists, through January. Sculpture by Hanno Hagen on display in November. Artist's reception, tonight, 5-7 p.m.. Wednesday-Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Willows Shopping Center, 1975 Diamond Blvd., Unit E 110. 925-691-6140.

■ **Thelma Harris Art Gallery** — "Tribute Exhibition to William Tolliver," through Nov. 22. An exhibit with both original words and limited edition prints for sale. Opening reception tonight, 7-9 p.m. Call for hours. 5940 College Ave., Oakland. 510-654-0443.

■ **Holy Names College Kennedy Art Center Gallery —** "Paul Carey: A Life in Landscape: An 80 Year Retrospective," through Dec. 3. An exhibit of *plein-air* landscapes of California, Italy, Canada, and Mexico. Free. Wednesday-Sunday, 1-4 p.m. 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510-436-1457.

■ **JFK University Arts and Consciousness Gallery —** "Seeking the Spirit," closing Saturday. A retrospective exhibit of Susan Seddon Boulet. Free. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 2956 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 707-939-9212.

■ **Lamorinda Arts Alliance** — Park Shopping Center exhibits art in vacant storefronts which are rotated every two months. Corner of Rheem Blvd. and Moraga Road. RUNI exhibiting new china painted works at Wildbirds Unlimited, 692 Contra Costa Blvd., Pleasant Hill. 925-376-4001.

■ **Lamorinda Arts Gallery** — "The Gift of Art," through Dec. 23. Receptions Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ornaments, stockings, miniatures, lanterns, cards and small gift items. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. 925-284-2788.

■ **La Peña Cultural Center —** "Hecho En Califas: The Last Decade," closing Saturday. Works of Chicano-Latino visual artists representing different cultural centers throughout California. Call for hours. Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond. 510-620-6772.

■ **Las Juntas Artists of Pleasant Hill** — Call for a schedule of exhibits. 925-676-0310.

■ **Lindsay Wildlife Museum** — "Impressions of Nature," through Original art by Diane E. Sn... First Ave., Walnut Creek. 93...

■ **Livermore Art Association** — Smith, closing Wednesday. watercolor of location paint... Carnegie Building, 2155 Jo... Livermore. 925-449-5507

■ **Patti Mcclain's Museum of Fashion Inc.** — "Headdress... through March 30, 2001. 19... and 19th Century historica... and 20th century designer ... ion Galleries & Research ... 10 Lacassie Court, Walnut ... 944-1896

■ **Metropolitan Transportation Commission** — "Driving the Dre... through Nov. 17. An exhibit o... tographs of art cars. Free. Wee... day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Third Flo... P Bort Metro Center, 101 8th ... Oakland. 510-464-7773.

■ **Mills College** — "Saints"... Jan. 15. An exhibition of wor... Alumnae Heller Room, Ora... 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakla... 430-2047

■ **Mt. Diablo Summit Museum** — "Mt. Diablo in Focus," thro... 4. A photographic print exhibit ... images of the mountain taken ... Area photographers. Wednes... day, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 925-837-... hours: 925-837-2525

■ **National Institute of Art and Disabilities** — Various artists... Nov. 17. Monday-Friday ... p.m. and by appointment. ... St., Richmond. 510-620-0326

■ **A New Leaf Gallery** — "... Sculpture" through Dec. 1... glass sculpture. Wednesday-... a.m.-5 p.m. 1286 Gilman St., ... 510-525-7621 www.anewleaf...

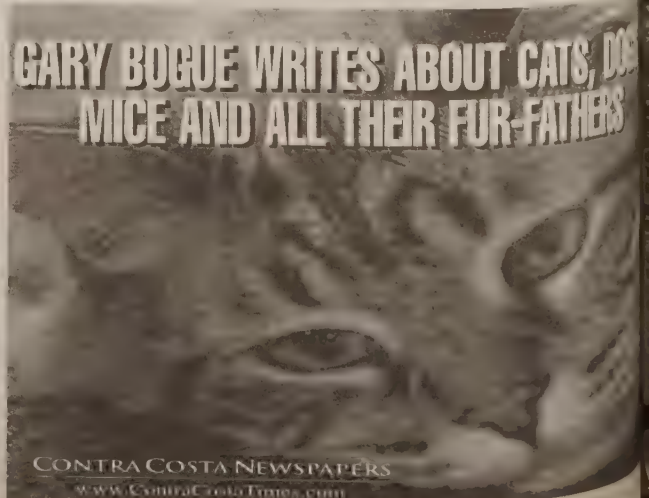
■ **New Pieces Gallery** — "... Dance," through Nov. 27. ... hand dyed textiles by Keiko ... Soulful Perspective," through ... An exhibit of dolls by Inocencia ... Free. Call for hours. 1581 ... Berkeley. 510-527-6772

■ **Pro Arts Gallery** — "The ... ried Annual," Nov. 22-Dec. 3... bition of new paintings, sculp... prints, mixed media and prints ... by Pro Arts members. Opening ... tion Nov. 30, 6-8 p.m. 461 9th ... Oakland. 510-763-4361

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...mpson Gallery — "California ..." through Jan. 8. Works by Car... ...Lou, Victoria Ryan, and Sally ...ham. Tuesday-Saturday, noon ...m. 2241 First St., Livermore. ...4-1163.

...ewick Gallery — "Pattern and ...ion" through Nov. 26. An exhibit ...lographic works by Marco ... Free. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 ...p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. ...John St., Berkeley. 510-527-1214.

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■ **ODC Gallery Project** — "Casements: Windows into Personality," through Dec. 3. An exhibit of works by Robert Beilucci. Thursday, 3-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 3-6 p.m. 3153 17th St., S.F. 415-822-7560.

■ **Powell Street Gallery** — "Portraits from the Qing Dynasty's Imperial Family," open-ended. An exhibit by Beijing artist Di Lifeng. Free. Call for hours. 535 Powell St., S.F. 415-439-4444.

■ **San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery** — "After the Storm: Bob Walker and the Art of Environmental Photography," through Nov. 18. A retrospective exhibit of 35 color landscapes by the open space activist. Wednesday-Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. Free. 401 Van Ness Ave. S.F. 415-554-6080.

■ **SF Camerawork** — "Democracy: The Last Campaign," through Nov. 18. An installation by the artist team of Margaret Crane and Jon Winet focusing on the 2000 elections. Free. Special Event — "Election 2000: Reflections in a Half-Empty Pool," Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. A conversation with political journalist Larry Bensky. $6 general; $4 students. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 115 Natoma St., S.F. 415-764-1001.

■ **San Francisco City Hall** — "A Regional Perspective: Works from 1956 through 1997," through Jan. 3. An exhibit of watercolors by Helen Ludwig. "Vietnam: Introspection," through December. An exhibit of photographs from the Vietnam War by Hank Miller. "36 Views of Sutro Tower," through Dec. 17. An exhibit of photographs by Terry Holter. Free. Call for hours. Lower Level, 1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place, S.F. 415-252-2590 or 415-673-4773.

■ **San Francisco Public Library** — "Childhood Revealed: Art Expressing Pain, Discovery, and Hope," through Dec. 15. A traveling exhibit from the New York University Child Study Center with over 100 pieces of art by children. In the Jewett Gallery. "Lost and Found: A Museum of Lesbian Memory," through Dec. 30. This exhibit includes the first two volumes of a one-of-a-kind encyclopedia called the "Lost and Found." In the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center. Free. Call for hours. Main Library, 100 Larkin St., S.F. 415-557-4277.

■ **Somarts Gallery** — "Body of Work: Monopressings," through Nov. 27. An exhibit of monoprints using the human body by Laura La Foret Lengyel. Free. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. South of Market Cultural Center, 934 Brannan St., S.F. 415-665-5258.

■ **Songlines Aboriginal Art** — "Two Women Dreaming: The Emergence of 'International Style' Indigenous Painting," through Jan. 6. An exhibition of work by Gloria and Kathleen Petyarre, two of Australia's indigenous painters. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. 619 Post St., S.F. 415-614-1223, www.aboriginal-art.com.

■ **Tiffany and Company** — "The Jewelry of Louis Comfort Tiffany: Exploration of Color, Nature and the Exotic," closing Saturday. An exhibit of jewelry pieces from the Tiffany archives. Free. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 350 Post St., S.F. 415-781-7000.

■ **Transamerica Pyramid Gallery** — "Western Views: Images of the Western United States," through Nov. 20. An exhibit of photographs of the Olema Valley. Free. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 600 Montgomery St., S.F. 415-983-4840.

■ **Union Bank of California** — "Panorama of San Francisco, c. 1870," through Dec. 31. The historic panorama, measuring 15 feet by 9 feet, is believed to be the only visual work that depicts Lake Delores. 400 California St., S.F.

■ **Vorpal Gallery** — "Art of the Vine," through Dec. 2. An exhibit of contemporary and vintage art with paintings, sculpture and works on paper. Free. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 393 Grove St., S.F. 415-397-9200.

■ **Washington Square Gallery** — "Prescriptions," through Nov. 25. An exhibit of artwork by Johanna Poethig focusing on society's preoccupation with health and beauty. "Free. 1821 Powell St., S.F. 415-291-9255.

■ **Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Galleries** — "Juvenilia: Checking Out Youth and Art," through Jan. 28. A CenterFest that looks at youth and youth culture. Tom Friedman, through Jan. 28. An exhibit of 34 works from 1989 to 2000. $6 general; $3 seniors, students and ages 15 and under; free Thursday for seniors and students; free to all on the first Thursday of the month, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 701 Mission St., S.F. 415-978-2787.

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■ **Coalshed Studios Open House —** Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Various works from painting, sculpture, prints and more on display at individual studios. Free. Coalshed Studios, Building 153, at 4th St. and Waterfront, Mare Island. 707-562-3158.

■ **Her House Women's Art Cooperative** — "A Celebration of women's creativity," Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 16 artisans show and sell works. Free. The Tannery, 131 First St., Benicia. 925-695-2020, Ext. 6159

Outdoors

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Outings

■ **Alameda —** Hike with the Contra Costa Hills Club. Thursday, 10 a.m. Call for meeting place. 5-6 miles paved loop. Leaders: Pete and Eleanor Peterson, 925-933-5821.

■ **Danville —** Walk and run with the Fifty-Plus Fitness Association. Saturday, 8 a.m. Call for meeting place. 3 miles on Iron Horse Trail. All levels of ability are welcome. Chuck Kapian, 925-938-2083 or 650-323-6160.

■ **Diablo Road Runners —** Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. All ages and abilities for year-round, twice-weekly runs. Runs are on scenic courses in Contra Costa County. Call for meeting place. 925-906-8880, www.diablorunners.com.

■ **Garin Regional Park —** Hike with the East Bay Regional Park District Naturalist Programs. Nov. 18, 3:30-6 p.m. Meet at the visitor center. 3 mile loop. Reservations required, by noon Thursday. 925-862-2601.

■ **Martinez—** Hike with the Muir Heritage Land Trust. Saturday, 9 a.m. Meet at Mt Wanda parking area. Leader: CeCe Sellgren, 925-228-5460.

■ **Mount Diablo —** Hike with the Greenbelt Alliance. Saturday, 1-10:30 p.m. Call for meeting place. Level: advanced. 415-255-3233

■ **Mount Diablo Summit/North Peak—** Hike with the Sierra Club. Sunday, 10 a.m. Meet at Juniper Campground. $2 park entrance fee. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Don de Fremery, 925-837-5646.

■ **Richmond —** Hike with the East Bay Moms. Today, 10 a.m. Meet at Alvarado Staging Area at Wildcat Canyon Regional Park. 3 mile loop. 510-653-7867, www.eastbaymoms.com.

■ **Sunol —** Hike with the Sierra Club. Saturday, 10 a.m. Meet at Sunol Visitor Center. Leader: Steve Bakaley, 925-945-8205.

■ **Sunol Regional Park —** Hike with the Sierra Club. Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Meet at the green barn on left past the entrance kiosk. 8 miles. Leader: Mary Bjorkholm, 925-485-9131.

■ **Walnut Creek —** Walk with the Walnut Avenue United Methodist Church. Saturday, 7 p.m. Call for meeting place. 925-933-0888.

Ongoing

■ **Coyote Hills Regional Park —** Free; $4 parking fee. 8000 Patterson Ranch Road, Fremont. 510-795-9385.

■ **Crab Cove Visitor Center —**Call for prices. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. 510-521-6887.

■ **Del Valle Regional Park —** $4-$5. Del Valle Road, Livermore. 925-862-2601.

■ **Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge —** 1 Marshlands Road, Fremont. 510-792-0222.

■ **Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center —** Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward. 510-881-6751, www.hard.dst.ca.us/hayshore

■ **Redwood Regional Park —** $4 parking fee per vehicle; $3 per trailered vehicle. $1 per dog. Daily, 5 a.m.-10 p.m. On State Highway 13 take the Redwood Road exit and go east 7867 Redwood Road, Oakland. 510-562-7275, 510-636-1684, www.ebparks.org.

■ **Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness —** $4 parking. On Geary Road off Calaveras Road, six miles south of Interstate Highway 680, south of Sunol. 925-862-2601.

■ **Tilden Regional Park —** Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. 510-525-2233.

■ **UC Berkeley Botanical Garden —** ongoing. The gardens have displays of exotic and native plants. Tours — Botanical Garden Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour. $3 general; $2 seniors; $1 children; free on Thursday. Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, behind Memorial Stadium, a mile below the Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley. 510-643-2755, www.mip.berkeley.edu/garden.



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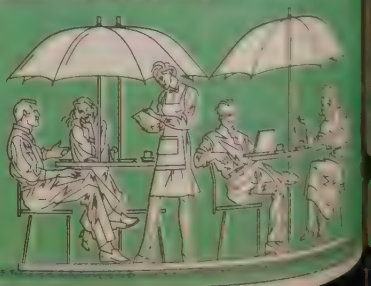
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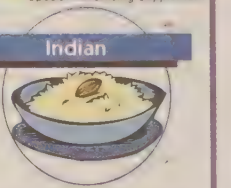
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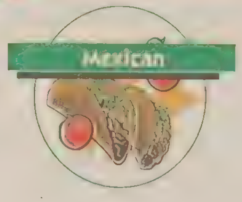


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alling the decor and revamp-
the menu. Lauro is doing the
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e cloth napkins and tablecloths
ed with glass) and blue-tinted
dlelight create a mature setting,
simple Italian murals and boat-
ed condiment racks add a nice
ht nautical touch to the walls.
For casual dining there are at-
ve counter seats at the tiled
and bricked rear of the small
taurant. Kids may still prefer
k E. Cheese's, but my 5-year-
niece and 8-year-old nephew
aged a recent weeknight din-
without too much squirming.
y were thrilled by the sight of
e dough spinning in the air —
ed through the small order
dow of the kitchen. And my
e gave the resulting pie — a 12-
cheese pizza ($8.50) — a 13
rating.
The nephew became a bit sullen
en his request for butter-only
s arrived with parmesan and
ey, but devoured the second de-
ery and cheered considerably
en a big bowl of vanilla ice cream
came his way.
I wasn't blown away by the food,
I was much impressed by the
ng's special — chicken piccata
95). It was larger and superior
ers ons I've had priced much
her. Several thin fillets of chicken
st come topped with a brown-
ter pan sauce made with just
ugh lemon and capers to cut the
ness. On a separate plate we got
fty portion of fettucine and a gar-
y sauté of spinach and mush-
s.
There's a good dose of creativity
oughout the menu, and the value
ays excellent, but if I were to
ck, it would be with the pizza.
uld prefer a less bready crust
ead and the mozzarella cheese
ewer. Still, our pizza was much
re fun to eat than most.
We tried a large (16-inch) version
half El Mexicano and half
diterranean toppings. With lean,
d chorizo, chunks of chicken and
ashes of jalapeño and cilantro,
Mexican-style pizza (large,
.95) was both spicy and filling —
ing off Lauro's South-of-the-
rder skills.



BOB LARSON/TIMES

TONY LAURO shows off salad, pizza, pasta and bread available from Antonious in Pleasant Hill.

The Mediterranean (large, $15.99) boasts fresh spinach, tomatoes and eggplant, and a few crumbles of feta that are overwhelmed by the mediocre mozzarella. The same cheese topped our order of garlic bread ($3.50). If you order the bread, spend an extra buck and get the warm artichoke and parmesan dipping sauce.

Antonious also offers two classic appetizers: chilled shrimp cocktail ($7.95) and hot buffalo wings ($3.95).

There are several salads that can serve as an entree and an impressive house salad ($2.75) chock full of crisp veggies, croutons and, on our visit, a trio of lettuces.

The menu urges diners to make special pasta requests and, of course, you can build your own pizza from a choice of sauces and a list of standard and gourmet ingredients.

Of the seven pastas listed, which includes two vegetarian choices, the shrimp pasta is the most expensive at $10.95. Tossed with enough creamy pesto sauce for two orders, it was well worth the money. The seasoning could have been more bold, but there was enough tender shrimp, roasted peppers and tomatoes to keep it interesting.

The great prices continue with the dessert list, where you can choose among homemade tiramisu, brownie à la mode, or an amaretto torte for $3.25. The torte brought layers of what tasted like cake, mousse and meringue, arriving with drizzles of chocolate and caramel. It was sweet, maybe a bit heavy on the almond extract, but it was really good.

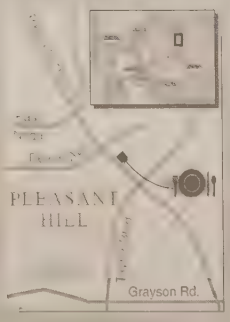
Lauro is still waiting for his beer and wine license, but rows of colorful Torani syrup for Italian sodas (garnished with a cherry and a mint sprig, $2.25) lend a festive spirit. You can also make do with sparkling grape juice ($1.50) or non-alcoholic beer ($2) until the true spirits arrive.

It was a fairly quiet night on our visit; never fewerless than 10 or more than 20 people filled the restaurant. There were a few to-go orders filled during that time, but it's apparent the new Antonious has yet to be discovered. My brother pretty much summed it up as we looked at the check. We had ordered two full entrees, a small and large pizza, salad, garlic bread, and an order of noodles, plus dessert and drinks — all in nice surroundings — for about $65.

"This place should have a line out the door," he said. I didn't argue.

ANTONIOUS

- **WHERE:** 2642 Pleasant Hill Road, Pleasant Hill
- **HOURS:** Open for lunch and dinner Monday-Saturday.
- **FOOD:** Pizza and pasta
- **AMBIENCE:** Attractive, family-style Italian cafée
- **PRICES:** Dinner appetizers $2.75-$7.95, entrees $7.95-$10.95, pizzas $8.50-$16.75. Pizza lunch specials available
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- **AMBIENCE/SERVICE RATING:** B+

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Frogs' menu too venturesome

■ Pan-Asian restaurant puts out too many mediocre dishes by overloading itself with 46 menu items

By Tam Putnam
TIMES CORRESPONDENT



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DINNER AND A MOVIE: Pan-Asian food with a Western edge is what's being served up by waiter Sean Salstron at Venture Frogs. The restaurant shares space with the AMC movie theater in San Francisco.

Venture capitalism has its risks. And, it turns out, so does a visit to Venture Frogs.

The restaurant and the AMC movie theater lobby share a vast space built on Van Ness in 1921 as a Cadillac showroom, a chamber that's part Renaissance palazzo and part echoing cavern. A partial wall divides diners from moviegoers, but everyone is dwarfed by massive handsome sculptured columns and the gilt coffered ceiling twinkling far, far above.

It's a space that would be difficult to fill, and the restaurateurs did their best, but perhaps because of the attempt — with clublike music, swirling biomorphic shapes projected on a back wall and enormous video screens — the tremendous reverberating room triumphs over the humans huddled at tables and the occasional decorous potted plant. In spite of the San Simeon-like surroundings, the feel is more food mall than grand hall.

Venture Frogs, owned by Tony Hsieh and Alfred Lin, is also the name of their Internet "incubator" firm investing in startups. (That name? A long story involving greenbacks and leaping ahead.) Hsieh's mother, Judy Hsieh, manages the restaurant and apparently also makes sure her son and his protégés, who work in the floors above the restaurant, eat better than the startup standby of bad takeout washed down with Coca-Cola. Venture Frogs' chef, Eric Meas, is a twentysomething Cambodian with a menu that spans Asia.

On a Saturday evening the clientele was sparse — my friend and I, a family, a couple on a date, and a lone diner reading as he worked his way through pork chops. Our waiter, with time on his hands, effervescently discussed the food and offered his capsule reviews of movies showing upstairs. In the bar, an impromptu party seemed to have coalesced behind the beaded metal curtains that separate it from the main dining area. (Drinks include sake and a decent, though short, wine and beer list.) Was the festive crowd watching the World Series on the video screens or staring at the computer chips and motherboards — a wink to Silicon Valley, — embedded in the bar's counter?

The high-tech theme pops up giddily on the menu, which pairs each dish with the name of an Internet company. I puzzled over possible correlations (is there some significance to the chopped bird in the "Microsoft minced chicken in lettuce?") but gave up the game. The menu notes, "Each menu item pays tribute to a company that we believe has helped shape the Internet startup world to what it is today and does not necessarily imply endorsement of a dish by any particular company."

So we couldn't hold the Excite Web site responsible for "Excite little dragon dumplings" ($5.95), whose stuffing was flavorless, the only excitement being the soy dipping sauce. And a bowl of noodles (the "Hotmail Mekong bowl," $7.95) was bland, and the shrimp in its depths were mushy. Much better were the scallion pancakes ($4.95), hefty fried triangles liberally dotted with scallions, to be plunged into a peppery blend of sesame oil and sweet soy sauce.

The wild-mushroom sauce sparked with coriander, ginger, and pink and red peppercorns and spooned over sirloin steak slices ($16.95) was perfectly spiced, but the meat itself was chewy. A braised endive lay on the plate, a sorry ghost of a vegetable with all life bleached away. My friend's pan-roasted five-spice chicken ($14.95) was awash in oil, as was the pile of oyster mushrooms alongside. A doughy folded pancake enclosed near-liquefied mashed potatoes, though sautéed spinach gave a shot of sprightliness to the dish.

Main dishes come on big, chic white plates with rims artfully scattered with pepper. Venture Frogs has definitely figured out the Zeitgeist: The "pan-Asian" menu has an up-to-date Western edge, but the actual flavors and textures seemed less on target. We decided to give the place another try.

When we went back, on a rainy Wednesday night when the World Series again offered serious competition, we found the restaurant fairly empty, even in the bar. Only a few tables of guys in T-shirts and khakis hunched over drinks and small plates, planning, I imagined, the next big dot-com idea. The place, however, was hardly quiet, what with the high-decibel techno club music thumping from the speakers. After we bleated our distress, a cheerful waitress obligingly shifted the soundtrack to some softer blues.

We started with Chinese chicken salad ($7.95): Slices of chicken smokily redolent from the grill were fanned out beside two kinds of crunchy, deep-fried rice noodles and iceberg lettuce in a mustard-ginger vinaigrette. In this case, the kitchen's trend tracker (iceberg is back!) came up with a winner.

Remembering Saturday's diner engrossed by pork chops, I suggested my friend order them. He relished the two thinly sliced chops ($10.95) that were zestily marinated and grilled; they would have been wonderful if they'd been hot but were very good even at room temperature. Next to them, a toss of cucumber and carrot matchsticks was delicious, both tart and slightly sweet, in the Southeast Asian way (though the cherry tomatoes in the mix were cottony).

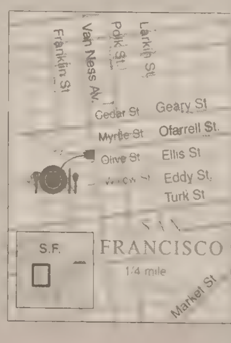
Two enormous roasted prawns ($17.95) arrived with head and legs intact, looking as if they were about to leap off the plate. The waitress expected diners to wrestle them bare-handed, a shock to anyone — like me — anticipating a more sedate experience. The crustaceans were stuffed with a ginger-squid mixture (perhaps one idea too many) and dolloped with a robust tomato and red-bell-pepper coulis. Alongside were fabulous won ton-wrapped packages of spinach and mushrooms that I could have happily made an entire meal of.

A wedge of chocolate cake ($5.95) was rich but runny; I preferred the deeply flavored raspberry sorbet ($3.75), a crisp, sweet finish to the meal.

Venture Frogs' 46 menu items make for extensive reading. As with most restaurants that try to be all things to all people, some editing would help. The kitchen seems occasionally to lack Chinatown's requisite snapping-fresh, top-notch ingredients, which a more focused menu might allow. Venture Frogs is trying very hard; in fact, it may be trying too hard. But there are a few ideas here that are worth the investment.

VENTURE FROGS

- **WHERE:** 1000 Van Ness Ave. (at O'Farrell), San Francisco
- **HOURS:** Sunday-Thursday, 4 p.m. to midnight; Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m.-2 a.m.
- **FOOD:** Pan-Asian
- **AMBIENCE:** Loud and casual
- **PRICES:** Starters, $3.50-$9.95; rice and noodle dishes, $5.95-$9.95; main dishes, $8.95-$17.95
- **CREDIT CARDS:** All major cards
- **PARKING:** $1 an hour in building's garage
- **PHONE:** 415-409-2550
- **FOOD:** C+
- **AMBIENCE/SERVICE:** B



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AFGHANI

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AMERICAN

Andy's Original D-P Barbecue ... Tuolumne St. (inside ...) Vallejo 707-649-238... just to meet the amicable ... Pree, who prepares everything ... 55-gallon smoker cooks pork ... chicken, beef tri-tip and beef ... and dinner served for takeout ... ing. Sensational sweet potato ... potato salad. Drinks available ... only. Open Wednesdays-Saturday ... takeout only. $. No credit cards ... Horan (4/14/00) Food: B. Ambience/service: A.

Blue Frog. 1740 Travis Blvd. ... 707-429-2337. This microbrewery ... selection of different beers and ... well as a menu filled with ... that stand up to the ... ing experience. Open daily ... dinner. $$. All major cards ... ferro (9/8/00) Food: B. Ambience/service: B+.

Bo's Barbecue. 3422 Mount ... Blvd., Lafayette 925-283-... Bo McSwine takes his time ... high-quality meats — and then ... them high on your plate ... slow, and the tiny dining ... but Bo will pack it all to ... Open Monday-Saturday ... dinner. $$ ... Food: A-. Ambience/service: ...

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Cugini 65 Moraga ... 258-3888 ... big city atmosphere ... fired pizzas and ... bar area ... for dinner ... Food: B-. Ambience/service: B

DINING OUT

Duck Club. 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd., in Lafayette Park Hotel 925-283-7108. Sunday brunch at the Duck Club restaurant is an elegant but leisurely affair. In addition to the lavish buffet featuring an assortment of breads, cheeses, pastas, fruits, fish, meats and desserts, there is a menu of breakfast entrees to order from — all included in the $29.95 price per person ($15.95 for ages 6-12). 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sundays. $$$. All major cards. Full bar. Valet parking. — S. Gilmore. (1/28/00) Food: A-. Ambience/service: B.

Fandinos. 1525 N. Main St., Walnut Creek. 925-947-3000. Fresh-baked pastries, a popular Sunday brunch and a European flair are standout features. Turkish coffee is the specialty, as is the international deli counter's rest any dessert on the menu. Breakfast available, including an executive menu for lunch and dinner for two. Open Monday-Saturday for breakfast and lunch, Tuesday-Sunday for dinner, Sunday for brunch. $$. Major cards. Beer and wine. Street and valet parking. — Gina Horan. (10/13/00) Food: B-. Ambience/service: B+.

Gaby's Original. 122 W. Neal, Pleasanton. 925-600-9200. Dinner can get pricey once you've added on the a la carte side dishes, but the quality steaks are worth the bucks. Extensive California wine list. Cozy, lively bar with fireplace. Warm, beautiful dining room. Open Monday-Friday for lunch; nightly for dinner. $$$$. MC, V, AE. Full bar. — N. Boer. (1/14/00) Food: B. Ambience/service: B.

Ikea. 4400 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 510-420-4532 (main store number). After the massive spent hours of parking and shopping, the Ikea cafeteria is inviting, and the traditional dishes are good enough to warrant a break. The decor is clean and immaculate, and the atmosphere is very kid-friendly. The line can be long but it moves fast, and the staff is very courteous. Open daily. $. All major cards. G. Horan (5/26/00) Food: B Ambience: B.

Kensington. 293 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 510-527-5919. Lots of bigger, well-known restaurants could learn something from this little neighborhood eatery. Everything is homemade and wonderful, from appetizers to desserts. Service is friendly and familiar, and the comfort level is high. Open weekdays for breakfast and lunch, weekends for brunch, dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays. $$. No credit cards, but personal checks accepted. Street parking. - Mark Mazzaferro. (9/22/00) Food: A. Ambience/service: A.

O'Shea's. 2186 Solano Way, Concord. 925-686-1990. Fearless with herbs and spices, chef/owner Timothy O'Shea makes the hearty, fresh meat and vegetarian dishes daily in this quaint 25-seat restaurant. Signature dishes include an oven-roasted herb chicken and herb-roasted pork loin. Open Tuesday-Sunday for lunch and dinner. Catering and takeout available. Cash only. $. G. Horan. (7/21/00) Food: B+. Ambience/service: B.

Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto. 1919 Fourth Street, Berkeley. 510-845-7771. Spenger's may be 100 years old, but the fish couldn't be fresher. The menu is extensive, and if the seafood doesn't reel you in, the atmosphere will. The atmosphere is like a maritime museum — with attitude. Good wine list and a lively bar. Open every day for lunch and dinner. $$$. All major credit cards. — N. Boer. (2/4/00) Food: B+. Ambience/service: A.

ASIAN

Azie. 826 Folsom (between Fourth and Fifth streets), S.F. 415-538-9444. Azie's Asian-theme dining room, with its dramatic lighting and full bar on each floor, has a swanky nightclub feel — there's even a live DJ to moderate the music to the mood. The menu, where galangal and malanga meet artichokes and shallots, demonstrates how French and Asian flavors can add up to good taste. An impressive wine list, including a selection of chilled sakes. Open every day for lunch and dinner. $$$$. All major cards. Full bar. — N. Boer. (3/24/00) Food: B. Ambience/service: B+.

CALIFORNIA

Bridges. 44 Church St., Danville. 925-820-7200. After 10 years in business, Bridges still has the magic. The service and decor haven't slipped a notch, and there's a new chef with a subtle Asian touch. Dinner may cost a fortune, but there are few places in the area that can make one feel both spoiled and glamorous. Open for dinner every night and lunch on Fridays. $$$$. All major cards. Street and valet parking. — Nicholas Boer. (10/27/00) Food A-. Ambience/service: A.

Lisa B's. 411 Hartz Ave. 925-552-6464 Lively bistro with homey food and atmosphere. Food is both creative and comforting. Indoor and outside dining available. Relaxed service. Open for breakfast and lunch Tuesday-Sunday, dinner Thursday-Saturday. $$. MC, V. Street parking available. Beer and wine. — N. Boer. (9/1/00) Food: B+. Ambience/service: B+.

Patrick David's. 416 Sycamore Valley Road, Danville 925-838-7611 This fusion restaurant has been a popular destination since 1996. Presentations are artsy, but the flavors can be muddled for such an upscale menu. Pleasant patio dining, casual service and simple attractive dining room. $$$$. All major cards. Mall parking. Beer and wine. — N. Boer (8/25/00) Food: B. Ambience/service: B.

Slates Supper Club. 1523 Giammona Drive, Walnut Creek. 925-945-1400 Walnut Creek's "exclusive jazz and blues club" may not be all *that* exclusive in the music department, but the kitchen does a very decent job with its California-Mediterranean-style menu. Slates also has an extensive, impressive appetizer menu available until 11 p.m. on weekends. Open for dinner 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, until 10 p.m. Friday, with appetizers available until 11 p.m. $$$. All major cards. Full bar. Valet parking on weekends. — S. Gilmore. (5/5/00) Food: B. Ambience/service: B.

CHINESE

Dragon 2000. 1651 Botelho Drive (in the Palm Court Shopping Center), Walnut Creek. 925-287-1688. Tranquil surroundings, good seafood and a full bar gives this Chinese restaurant a sophisticated edge. Private rooms for parties. Reasonable wine list. Open every day for lunch and dinner. $$. Major cards. — N. Boer. (6/16/00) Food: B-. Ambience/service: A-.

Three Brothers From China. 2001 Contra Costa Blvd . Pleasant Hill 925-671-6888 High quality and huge quantity at a reasonable price. Great seafood, including live fish and shellfish from their in-house tanks. Open daily for lunch and dinner. $$. MC, V, AE. Beer and wine. — N. Boer. (2/18/00) Food: A. Ambience/service: B.

ENGLISH

The Wallace Arms. 422 W. Second St., at F Street, Antioch. 925-755-2900. Authentic English pub serving fish and chips, meat pies and more than a dozen beers on tap. Downstairs restaurant is cozy and family-friendly. Open for lunch and dinner Wednesday-Sunday. $. Major cards. Beer and wine. Kid's menu. Wheelchair access from the back. — N. Boer. (4/21/00) Food: B. Ambience/service: B.

FRENCH

La Cocotte. 6115 Main St., Clayton 925-672-1333. This 20-year-old 65-seat restaurant evokes the tranquility of a French country inn. The classic dishes are rich to be sure, but they are reasonably priced and delicious. Dinner starts with soup and salad, and all the entrees come with exquisite side dishes. Extensive French and California wine list. $$$. Open every night for dinner. Major cards. — N. Boer (5/19/00) Food: A-. Ambience/service: A-.

Nizza La Bella. 825 San Pablo Ave , Albany. 510-526-2552. This colorful French bistro highlights the cuisine of Nice. Great food, great bar, great energy. Order anything with cheese or from the wood-fired pizza oven. $$. MC and V. Full bar. Convenient parking. Limited reservations — N. Boer. (6/23/00) Food: A-. Ambience/service: A.

FILIPINO

Aroma Cafe and Grill: 1515 Broadway St , Concord. 925-825-2800. Traditional Filipino and American cuisine fill this bargain-priced menu from breakfast through dinner. Karaoke and live music Thursday-Saturday. $. MC, V. Lot and street parking. Beer and wine. — G. Horan. (8/18/00) Food: B. Ambience/service: B+.

INTERNATIONAL

ITALIAN

Amalfi. 1512 N. Main St., Walnut Creek 925-988-8022. This trattoria that specializes in cuisine from the sunny stretch of the western Italian coast it is named for has a small but intriguing menu and a chef who takes a hands-on approach to executing it. Amalfi serves one of the best lamb versions of osso buco you're likely to find anywhere. Open for lunch Tuesday-Friday and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. $$$. Major cards. Full bar. Parking on street and in nearby lots. — S. Gilmore. (7/28/00) Food: A-. Ambience/service: B+

Caffe Centro. 2132 Center St., Berkeley 510-981-8373. Mediterranean-inspired menu offers fresh items daily, with ingredients culled from organic garden and market to create new dishes. Clean, modern decor and California wine list make this a destination spot. Open Tuesday-Saturday for lunch and dinner. $$$. All major cards, street and garage parking. Beer and wine. G. Horan (9/1/00) Food: A. Ambience/service: A-.

Dino's Trattoria. 4233 Rosewood Drive Pleasanton 925-847-8810 Owner Dino Butuogliu serves up simple, good Italian fare at reasonable prices. Homemade desserts and stuffed pastas. Open for lunch Monday-Saturday and dinner every day. $$. Major cards. Beer and wine. — N. Boer (7/7/00) Food: B+. Ambience/service: B+.

Macaroni Grill. 4805 Hacienda Drive (in the Regal Cinema shopping center) Dublin. 925-560-1520 Lighthearted service meets seriously good food at this Italian chain eatery. Pizza, pastas and kids' menu make it an ideal family spot, but the decor is romantic enough for couples. Open every day for lunch and dinner. $$. Major cards. Full bar. — N. Boer (6/9/00) Food: B+. Ambience/service: A-.

Pasta Pomodoro. 147 Sunset Drive, San Ramon. 925-867-1407 Young, energetic staff and simple, inexpensive Italian food will draw diners to the Shops at Bishop Ranch. Lines can be long, but the food is straightforward and a great value. Takeout and catering available; no reservations taken. Open daily for lunch and dinner. $. M, V. Beer and wine. Easy parking, wheelchair access. — G. Horan (9/15/00) Food: B+. Ambience service: B-.

Portofino Pasta Cafe. 99 Ordina Way, Orinda. 925-254-8822 This quaint, cozy little restaurant is sparkling throughout, from the unique menu focusing on pasta to the way owner Majid Tehrani takes care of his small space. The food reflects the setting, as fresh flavors and perfectly cooked pasta add up to an enjoyable dining experience for less money than you might expect. $ Open Monday through Friday for lunch, daily for dinner. Beer and wine. All major cards. — M. Mazzaferro. (11/3/00) Food B+. Ambience/service A-.

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DINING OUT

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Ristorante Venticello. 745 Railroad Avenue, Pittsburg. 925-252-1281. With 30 years of cooking experience, chef-owner Luis Riano has finally launched his own restaurant. His Italian menu is well-executed and a great value, and the 40-seat dining room is simply decorated and comfortable. A wide selection of hand-crafted pizzas, pastas and hearty entrees, plenty of vegetarian selections and an inexpensive wine list. Open for lunch and dinner Monday-Saturday. **$$.** Major cards. — N. Boer. (5/12/00) **Food: B. Ambience/service: B-.**

Victor's. 907 First St., Benicia. 707-747-5263. Picking up where Blandina's left off, Victor's concentrates on fine Italian dining, with a lot of rich yet delicate sauces ladled over healthy servings of pasta, lasagna and other favorites. A few veal and seafood dishes round out the menu. Quarters are a little cramped, and the service could have been more attentive on our visit, but the food more than made up for it. Open Wednesday-Friday for lunch, Tuesday-Sunday for dinner. **$$.** Major cards. Beer and wine. — M. Mazzaferro. (10/6/00) **Food: B+. Ambience/service: B-.**

JAPANESE

Jun-Jun. 87 Orinda Way, Orinda. 925-254-3611. Small sushi restaurant offering no-nonsense service, whimsical sushi rolls and a relaxed, family atmosphere. Restaurant is new but the owners are veterans. Good selection of beer, sake and traditional Japanese entrees. **$$** MC, V. — N. Boer (9/29/00) **Food: B. Ambience/Service: B+.**

Kane Sushi. 125 Hartz Ave., Danville. 925-362-8686. Stark, modern Japanese decor and casual family atmosphere is inviting to anyone interested in some satisfying sushi, teriyaki and other dishes. Go early, as the restaurant is busy and has only eight tables. Tempura is a highlight, as is the teriyaki salmon and halibut sushi. Open weekdays for lunch, nightly for dinner. **$$.** All major cards. Storefront parking. — G. Horan. (6/23/00) **Food: B. Ambience/service: B.**

Todai. 2249 Stoneridge Mall Road (in the Stoneridge Mall shopping center), Pleasanton. 925-460-9100. Mall sushi may sound boring, but Todai's all-you-can-eat smorgasbord generates excitement. Colorful and clean, this chain restaurant is always busy, but the buffet is never less than bountiful — 365 days a year. Open daily for lunch and dinner. **$$$.** Major credit cards. Beer and wine. — N. Boer. (8/4/00) **Food: B. Ambience/service: B.**

MEDITERRANEAN

Kensington Bistro. 1568 Oak View Ave., Kensington. 510-525-1350. The innovative Mediterranean menu has a Persian edge, and features sandwiches, pizzas and hearty entrees. Cozy-artsy-earthy atmosphere attracts a laid-back neighborhood crowd. Open for dinner Tuesday-Sunday. **$$.** Major cards. Beer and wine. — N. Boer. (7/14/00) **Food: B+. Ambience/service: B+.**

MEXICAN

Acapulco. 2104 Lincoln Ave., Alameda. 510-523-4935. Cheap Mexican food often spells "hole-in-the-wall" and even heartburn, but not at this big and bustling place that has been run by the same family since 1953. The traditional Mexican fare here is lick-your-plate-delicious. Service can be spotty, however. Open daily for lunch and dinner. **$.** Major cards. Beer and wine. — S. Gilmore. (6/30/00) **Food: A. Ambience/service: C.**

Doña Tomas. 5004 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-450-0522. No giant burritos here. The authentic and flavor-packed Mexican dishes are soulful and stylish. Spirited service and stark but comfortable environs. Inside can get loud, but the back patio is tranquil. Open for dinner Tuesday-Saturday. **$$.** All major cards. Parking available at shopping mall across the street. Full bar. — N. Boer. (8/18/00) **Food: A-. Ambience/service: A-.**

Mexxi's Grill. 1000 N. Vasco Road, Livermore. 925-456-6233. Authentic Southern Mexican cuisine served on the East edge of Livermore. Walk past the gas pumps and into a high-octane atmosphere filled with whimsical lighting and colorful Mexican crafts. Outdoor patio. Agave wine margaritas, sangria and a good selection of Mexican beers, including Dos Equis on tap. Open every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. **$.** All major cards. Beer and wine. — N. Boer. (3/14/00) **Food: B+. Ambience/service: B+.**

La Tapatia. 1802 Willow Pass Road, Concord. 925-685-1985. Colorful, bright atmosphere, good sauces and excellent service are highlights of this local favorite. The menu offers a wide variety of Mexican-American favorites, including the standard fajitas, burritos and seafood. Breakfast is served all day, and catering is available. More than 120 tequilas are offered in the quaint bar. Patio seating and family atmosphere. Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. **$$.** Major cards. — G. Horan. (4/28/00) **Food: B-. Ambience/service: B+.**

THAI

Cha-Am. 153 Plaza Drive, Vallejo. 707-648-8066. Traditional Thai cuisine in a comfortable, casual setting. The menu is loaded with options, none over $10, and every dish we tried presented mynad flavors on the palate. Fish and seafood are a specialty, while barbecue items are also very good. Open daily. **$.** Major credit cards. Beer and wine. — M. Mazzaferro. (8/11/00) **Food: A. Ambience/service: B+.**

San Francisco

AMERICAN

The B Spot. 2301 Fillmore St. (at Clay Street), S.F. 415-614-1111. Split-level neighborhood pub/restaurant attracts both family diners and swinging singles. Great appetizers and hearty sandwiches. Open for lunch and dinner every day, brunch on the weekends. **$$.** Major cards. Full bar. Kids' menu. — N. Boer. (6/30/00) **Food: B. Ambience/service: A-.**

Cobalt Tavern. 1707 Powell St., S.F. 415-982-8123. Formerly Washington Square Bar and Grill, Cobalt Tavern is a casual, neighborhood bistro that caters to both the curious diner and seasoned foodie. Signature dishes include citrus-cured gravlax, confit of duck and porcini-dusted skate. The fruit crisp is also a must. Live jazz. Open every night for dinner and brunch on the weekends. **$$.** All major cards. Limited street and valet parking. Full bar. — G. Horan. (10/27/00) **Food A-. Ambience/service: B.**

Cosmopolitan Café. 121 Spear St., S.F. 415-543-4001. Sexy, smoldering atmosphere and savory contemporary American food make this new San Francisco hot spot a popular destination. Open weekdays for lunch, nightly for dinner. Live music Thursday-Saturday. **$$$.** MC, V, AE, DC. Wheelchair access and valet parking after 5 p.m. Full bar. — G. Horan. (8/4/00) **Food: A. Ambience/service: A-.**

Jianna. 1548 Stockton St., S.F. 415-398-0442. It's difficult to categorize this lively, non-Italian North Beach restaurant, because the inventive menu is all over the culinary map. Suffice it to say that you could make a meal of the wonderful appetizers, but the entrees are also delicious. Prices are reasonable, too. Open for dinner nightly and for Saturday and Sunday brunch. **$$$.** Major credit cards. Full bar. $9 valet parking at Fior d'Italia. — S. Gilmore. (8/11/00) **Food: A. Ambience/service: A-.**

Johnfrank. 2100 Market St. (at Church and 14th streets), San Francisco. 415-503-0333. This sleek neighborhood-style bistro offers great people-watching and innovative food. The cuisine is new American, with many classic combinations given intriguing twists. Organic produce is used, and vegetarian options are available. Full bar. Reservations suggested but not required. Open every night for dinner. **$$$.** Major cards. Wheelchair access — N. Boer. (4/7/00) **Food: A-. Ambience/service: A-.**

Rainforest Café. 145 Jefferson St., Fisherman's Wharf, S.F. 415-440-5610. An assault on the senses: Gorillas, elephants and cheetahs greet dining room visitors as do occasional thunderstorms, complete with lightning. They also serve pretty good food with a tropical theme. Open daily for lunch and dinner **$$$.** Major credit cards. Full bar. — M. Mazzaferro. (7/28/00) **Food: B. Ambience/service: B+.**

Twentyfour. 24 Willie Mays Plaza, S.F. 415-644-0240. Spacious, art-deco like restaurant at the entrance to Pacific Bell Park is a winner for its unabashed adherence to the traditional formula of raw bar with grilled and rotisseried seafood and meats. It's all done rather well. Open for lunch and dinner daily **$$$** MC, V, AE Full bar. Parking in nearby lots. — S Gilmore. (7/14/00) **Food: B+. Ambience service: A-**

CALIFORNIA

LiveFire. 100 Brannan St., S.F. 415-227-0777. A new addition to the China Basin restaurant scene, LiveFire features hearty California cuisine with Asian and Italian influences. Menu changes seasonally and offers wood-fired pizzas, daily pastas and fresh-baked bread. Seems hit-or-miss. Outdoor patio, social hour from 5-7 weekdays and Sunday brunch. **$$$.** All major cards. Wheelchair-accessible. — Gina Horan. (9/29/00) **Food: B. Ambience/service: B-.**

Montage. 101 4th St., Second Floor, Metreon, S.F. 415-369-6111. This semi-art show/restaurant features interesting appetizers, compelling entrees and flavorful homemade desserts. Large comfy booths allow the diner to relax and enjoy an appetizing meal in near-solitude, while the artsy décor adds to the enjoyment. Service could be a trifle better, but that seems to be the trend nowadays. Open daily for lunch and dinner **$$$.** Major credit cards. Parking across the street. — Mark Mazzaferro. (10/20/00) **Food: B+. Ambience/service: A-.**

Murray's Glasshouse Restaurant. 740 Sutter St., in the Canterbury Hotel, S.F. 415-474-6478. Lush, lazy, old-style dining room now serving innovative Pacific Rim food. With exotic plants inside and out, you feel a long way from downtown San Francisco. Service is stiff, but the food is way cool. Open every night for dinner **$$$.** Major cards. — N. Boer. (4/14/00) **Food: B. Ambience/service: B+.**

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The Zodiac Club. 718 14th St., S.F. 415-626-7827. Hip, Gothic decor and loud rave music make this Castro District club the place for chic trend-setters. The Mediterranean-inspired California cuisine is well crafted, and the menu changes with the calendar, according to astrological sign. Recommended for a younger crowd, before a night of clubbing. Open

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FRENCH

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ITALIAN

Bruno's. 2389 Mission St. (at 20th Street), S.F. 415-648-7701. ... has a classy bar and small separate room for late-night music. The small French-Italian food is good; dining room is plush red boots and decor seem somewhat out of place for dinner nightly, beginning at 5 p.m. $$$. ... cards. Parking ... (7/21/00) **Food: B. Ambience service: A-.**

Acquerello. 1722 Sacramento St., S.F. 415-567-5432. Traditional Italian in the style of "cucina della nonna," grandmother's kitchen emphasis cooked home-style dishes in an atmosphere. More than 600 ... wines. Intimate dining room ... dining offered if you call in advance. Open Tuesdays-Saturdays for ... daily for lunch. Call for availability ... vate parties. $$$$. Major cards. ... wine. — G. Horan. (7/7/00) **Food: A. ... bience Service: A-.**

LATIN

Che. 320 Third St. (at Folsom), S.F. 546-3131. The menu is not ... this "Nuevo Latino" spot in San Francisco's Yerba Buena neighborhood, the implementation seems ... across the board. One not-to-miss dessert: a dark and intense potion of chocolate and jalapeño, which proves to be a wonderful combination. Open for lunch Monday-Friday with ... available until 5 p.m. and for dinner Monday-Saturday. ... Friday nights. $$$. Major ... — S Gilmore (5/19/00) **Food: ... ence service: A-.**

PACIFIC RIM

Butterfly. 1710 Mission St. (between Duboce and 14th streets) S.F. 415-... 5575. Youthful, yuppie jazz club ... mite Pacific Rim food. Live music ... 9 p.m.; DJ runs the show before ... it's all loud. Reservations must be ... online. Neighborhood is run-down but ... valet parking available. Open Tuesday ... urday for dinner. $$. Major cards. ... happening bar. — N. Boer. (10/13/00) **Food: A. Ambience/service: A**

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Devoted Troutheads are migrating to Reno

By Zoe Rose
CORRESPONDENT

"Commercially it is suicide, I think, to be as diverse as we are," says Ezra Idlet of the musical group Trout Fishing in America. "It's so much easier to define yourself in a genre." One might ask if a musician with a name like Ezra Idlet could be anything but eclectic. Certainly when he plays in a group named from a Richard Brautigan novel, the music must be wide-ranging. And wide-ranging it is.

Idlet and partner Keith Grimwood play music that's quirky, with deep wit and a dark underpinning to occasional seriousness. A critic in Springfield, Mo., said they were "what might have happened if Paul Simon decided to play with Newman."

Idlet and Grimwood are also wide-ranging in stature. Idlet is 6-foot-9. Grimwood is 5-foot-6. Their performance hits the heights and lows (sorry) Nov. 18 at Fitzgeralds in Reno.

They've been making music together 25 years. Trout Fishing in America does songs about dinosaurs, ducks, icky food from a kid's point of view, monsters, Teddy bears and Egyptians. Neither is upset that they aren't a big commercial success. The Grateful Dead weren't a big commercial success either, but the Deadheads would follow the band anywhere, even unto playing concerts in the desert.

Trout Fishing in America's rabid fans are called Troutheads, and they are almost as rabid as Deadheads, but — of course — different. "I think the people who come to see us are looking for something different," says Grimwood. "I don't think they're willing to be spoonfed what the mass media is handing them."

Troutheads and neophyte Troutheads certainly get something different. At a recent performance at Rice University, kids, college students and gray-haired people came together in a singalong with half the audience singing "There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," and the other half signing "Stairway to Heaven."

Idlet and Grimwood learned how to please an audience while working as street musicians a quarter century ago. "You either entertain people or they're just going to walk on by and won't drop a dollar in your case to let you eat that night," says Idlet.

"That works on a larger basis, too — if you don't entertain people on some level, you'll lose them."

For information call 800-648-5022.


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TY HERNDON will appear at John Ascuaga's Nugget Nov. 23-25 and Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in the Celebrity Showroom. For ticket and show time information, call 800-843-2427.

Brew Brothers hosts Little Charlie and the Nightcats

By Zoe Rose
CORRESPONDENT

Way back in the last century — 1986, for those who must have precision in their stories — Alligator Records president Bruce Iglauer got an unsolicited tape in the mail from Sacramento. In the package was a letter saying the band on the tape played hot blues.

Sure, thought Iglauer. In Sacramento. Home of the raisin. Then he played the tape. Holy screamin' guitars, Batman! Iglauer hopped a plane to Sacramento to see Charlie Baty and Rick Estrin and their band, better known as Little Charlie and the Nightcats. Baty and Estrin formed the core of Little Charlie and the Nightcats. Alligator signed them, and their debut album, "All the Way Crazy" set the tone for their music, and career.

Little Charlie and the Nightcats play Nov. 17-18 in the Eldorado's hip beer bistro, the Brew Brothers. The band plays blues, but this isn't not your standard blues. One record reviewer advises listeners to think of "Charlie Christian playing in Little Walter's band." Or maybe Waylon Jennings playing in Muddy Waters' band. It's a punch of harmonica, vocal, guitar and drums — and it rolls out like a bar-band touched by genius.

"All the Way Crazy" made Little Charlie and the Nightcats pioneers of the west coast jump blues/swing revival. They've appeared throughout the West, sometimes in casinos, sometimes in dives.


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LITTLE CHARLIE AND THE NIGHTCATS WILL play in Eldorado's hip brew pub, Brew Brothers, Nov. 17-18. For show time information, call 800-648-5966.

Much of their show is original material. The sound mixes elements of Chicago blues, jazz-flavored West Coast blues, Texas Swing, rockabilly, rhythm and blues — and to keep their title as eclectic masters, they even play a surf tune or two.



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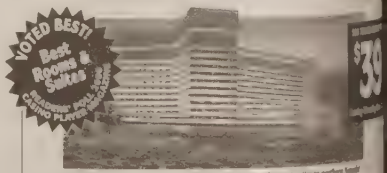
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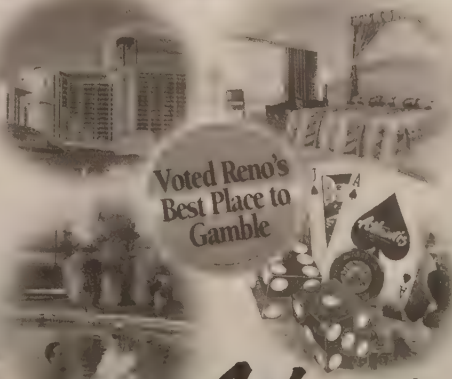
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Now ISO you: SJDWM, 35-45, attractive, fit DWF, loves paleontology, hard rock and classical music. Needs mentally fit partner, for intellectual discussion, fun field trips and more. Ad# 2780

PETITE
AF, seeking a SWM, 40-45, 5'11"+, for friendship. Ad# 2967

HOPE 2 HEAR FROM U
SWF, 49, 5'4", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys a peaceful lifestyle, likes hiking, painting, drawing, music, movies. ISO good-hearted, husky SM, 44-54. Ad# 3192

LOVES 2 HAVE FUN
SF, 18, who's really outgoing, personable, loves movies, beach walks, clubs, running track, working out. ISO adventurous SM, 18-25. Ad# 3182

DANCE PARTNER
SAF, 5'4", 115lbs., physically fit, financially secure, ISO SM ballroom dance partner, 50+, N/S, no drugs, weekly parties, etc. Ad# 2889

SEEKS CHARISMATIC
SW attractive, honest, petite F, seeks attractive, fun M, who enjoys life, candlelight, romantic dinners, cozy fires, dancing, dining out, plays and mu. Turn me into a princess with that special kiss. Please be honest and sincere. Ad# 2727

SCRUMPTIOUS
Sizzling, sensual, slender, attractive, adventurous, petite, passionate, intelligent, funny, optimistic SWPF, seeking smart, secure, confident, humorous, optimistic SWPM, 50ish. Ad# 2642

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINA
Loving, caring, affectionate, enjoys simple things in life. Wishes for honest, caring, secure gentleman, 45+. Ad# 2736

WANTED TALL MAN
38, attractive, fun-loving, 5'8" SWF, ISO a tall, fun-loving, intelligent SWM, to have fun with. Ad# 2675

ONE OF A KIND
Attractive SWF, 48, hardworking, fun-loving, likes beaches to mountains, jeans to dresses, quiet nights and moonlight. ISO attractive, tall SWPM, with similar interests, for LTR. Ad# 2755

ATHLETIC FILIPINA
N/S, N/D, 37, 5'3", 125lbs., enjoys hiking, biking, camping, movies, golf. Seeks outdoorsy SWIAM, 34-39, with good sense of humor, who loves sports, the outdoors. Ad# 2758

HAZEL EYED BRUNETTE
DWF, very attractive, 50, looks 35, 5'8", fit, seeks successful, handsome, spiritual, secure DISPM, who enjoys family, travel, jazz, dining. N/S, drug-free, 45-55, for LTR. Ad# 2759

TALL SEEKS TALLER
6'3"+, not smaller! SWPF, 37, 5'8", it's all great, wants the simple life with one who desires, that's true, not a liar, no games, just flames! Has time to share and wants to be there, honest and sincere, no fears. You could have it all, just call! Ad# 6844

OREGON WOMAN
SWPF, attractive, affectionate, medium built, down-to-earth, sincere, generous, sweet, family-oriented, enjoys horses and motorcycle riding. ISO SWHtAM, good natured, medium/large build, 50-60, honest, considerate, generous. Ad# 2618

ANGELIC BEAUTY
-Playful, intelligent, sophisticated, basic, 5'3", 110lbs. SWPF, 49, enjoys classics, outdoors, mountains, hiking, caring, laughter. Seeking open hearted, businessman, 50s-60s, into quality, living fully, sharing. Ad# 2709

FAR FROM PERFECT
DWPF, 44, N/S, a little fluffy, lots of fun, many interests, adventurous, little devilish, ISO N/S PM, easygoing, fun-loving, kids welcome. East Bay. Ad# 2714

NO MORE GAMES
SBF, 28, 5'11", full-figured, mother of one, who's tired of ALL the games. ISO SBM, 25-33, 6'+, to start as friends, maybe more. Ad# 2716

SEEKING PM
Attractive, slim, blonde, femme, all-around nice person, seeks good natured 50+, well-educated male, who enjoys indoors/outdoor, for cam pamonship, good times. East Bay. Ad# 2711

EAST BAY BEAUTY
With slim dancer's body. Seeks a PM, over 50, for travel, adventure and romance. Ad# 2719

PETITE & VOLUPTUOUS
DWPF, 48, ISO "a real manly man." Enjoys boating, fishing, camping, romantic candlelight dinners, snuggling in front of a fire, honesty, and sense of humor. Ad# 2724

HEART TO HEART
WWAF, petite, 5'2", 108lbs., attractive, affectionate, educated, ISO tall, secure, educated SWM, 58+, drug-free, N/S, for LTR or marriage. Ad# 2725

OBJECT OF AFFECTION
Could it be you? Be showered with love and affection by this outgoing, outdoorsy SBPF, 45, ISO compatible SBM, 40-50. Ad# 2836

FORGET ABOUT BLONDS
Cause this plus-sized Christian redhead, 34, is the real call to make! ISO family oriented, loving WCM, 34-43. Ad# 2928

LOVE TO SEE U SMILE!
Nothing brings joy to the heart of this sweet, personable, pleasant BF, 26, like the smile of my man! ISO honest, sweet BM, 25-33. Ad# 2924

NEW TO THE AREA
Striking brunette, 5'5", slender, world-traveled, ex-model, now doctor ate student, ISO extraordinary, attractive, internationally-minded SWPM, 29-38, 6'+, higher education, friendship first, possible LTR. Multilingual a plus. Ad# 2730

ENJOY LIFE ADVENTURE
WWWF, 5'8", slender, attractive, variety of interests, seeks a spontaneous, outgoing, caring WM, N/S, 50s-60s. Life is more fun with some one. Ad# 2731

30 AND OVER
SWF, 34, 5'4", 145lbs., mother of two, warm-hearted and honest, ISO SWM, 34-40, N/S, N/D, financially secure, likes children, holidays, out doors, dining and quiet times. Ad# 2733

GOOD FRIEND ? TALK ?
SWF, 29, fun to be around, responsible, hardworking, loves dinner, dancing. Seeking a mature, handsome SM, responsible, fun, with good sense of humor. Ad# 2735

HUMANITY
Health conscious, attractive, petite 55, very active, enjoys outdoors activities, movies, dining. ISO N/S, W gentleman, excellent health, to share activities. Ad# 2682

MUST BE SERIOUS
SWF, 41, RN, good-looking, 5'5", 180lbs., physically fit, wavy blond, ISO SWM, 40-50, for LTR. Be smart, humorous, stable, sensitive, love animals. Ad# 2668

ISO SOULMATE
Sensual, Asian queen, 35, ex-model, seeks BM, 28-35. You are kind, trustworthy, N/S, looking for serious relationship, leading to marriage. Enjoys quiet evenings at home. Ad# 2686

ARE WE A MATCH?
Happy SWF, 60, 5'3", 140lbs., likes gardening, baseball, church fellowship. ISO happy, honest SWM, 45-65, who enjoys the moment. Ad# 2896

SPECIAL FEMALE
SWF, 56, who likes to have fun, is seeking the right, N/S SWM, 49-56. He has to have a good personality, spontaneity. Ad# 2690

PLANS FOR US
Attractive, outgoing, happy, blue-eyed, blonde SWF, 30, loves country music, horses, hiking, camping, outdoors. ISO caring, honest SWM, 34-40. Ad# 2878

CLASSICAL BEAUTY
Attractive, independent SWF, 40, 5'7", long strawberry blonde hair, seeks tall, dark, handsome, honest, monogamous, intelligent SWM, 42-52, to share Winter beach picnics. Ad# 2875

LOVABLE BRUNETTE
Attractive SWF, 5'4", 46, caring, fun, intelligent, secure, loves oceans, enjoys outdoors, cooking, fireplace, travel. ISO jeans/suit SWM, similar qualities, friends first. Lifetime of spoiling. Ad# 2689

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ANGEL SEEKS DEVIL
OWF, 43, 5'4", pretty, sweet, curvy, classy lady, for friendship first. Interests: movies, dining out, nature, jazz. ISO black beard man that's spiritual, likes classic cars. Ad# 2701

FUN LOVING LADY
Considered attractive SWF, 54, 5', 105lbs., happy, fun, loving. ISO lucky WM, 48-60, with wonderful humor, full of life. Ad# 2633

EURASIAN
50s, 5'4", 113lbs., is seeking a soulmate, also caring, sincere, N/S, drug free, 55-70. Ad# 2634

1970, WHERE WERE U?
SBF, 59, loves nature, and people with a sense of humor. Call me, so we can compare notes. I bet we could talk the night away. Ad# 2641

MOUNTAIN GIRL
SWF, 40, 5'4", size 18, long auburn hair, intelligent, athletic, attractive, enjoys travel, biking, walks, outdoors. Ready for loving committed relationship, with compassionate man. Ad# 2652

GUESS WHO?
DWF, 56, honest, fun to be with, is seeking SWM, 55-65. ISO LTR, N/S, enjoying long walks, quiet times and traveling with that special person. Ad# 2654

TIME FOR ME AND YOU
To enjoy the outdoors at Muir woods, travel, concerts, theatre. I'm an extraordinary SAF, 46, seeking tall, honest, blue-eyed PM, N/S. Serious replies only. Ad# 2656

MAYBE MORE
Outgoing, friendly, adventurous SWF, 35, brown hair/eyes, enjoys reading, dancing, movies. ISO SWM, 33-45, to hang out with. Ad# 2871

MAKE MY DAY
Quiet, honest, N/S SWF, 50, trim, blue-eyed blonde, seeks a warm, outgoing, positive, muscular built SM, 45-55. Ad# 2859

SIMPLE PLEASURES
Slender, fit DWF, 46, enjoys classical music, dining out, ethnic foods, short walks, backpacking, skiing. ISO sensitive, self-aware SWM, 42-55. [illegible] 2548

TALL TAN TRIM LOVELY
The girl from the East Bay searching for that tall, romantic, honest WM, 45-55, enjoys beaches, sports, weekend getaways, quiet times, life and me. Ad# 2659

THERE'S MORE TO THIS
Pretty face/figure. SWPF, seeks SWPM, N/S, best friend, romance, exploring the world. You: 52+, sincere, stable, successful, fit, ready to start over. Let's talk. Ad# 2805

STRIKING GREEN EYES
Attractive SWF, 40, 5'8", blonde, enjoys golf, gardening and more. Seeking SWPM, 37-48, 5'11"+, outgoing, confident, family-minded, compatible companion, for LTR, possible marriage. Ad# 2807

ISO MR. RIGHT
SWF, young 50, slender, green-eyed redhead, contagious smile, affection ate, outdoorsy, enjoys theatre, dining, travel, golf, bocce, movies, many interests. Laughter, integrity a must, for LTR. Ad# 2613

READY 2 SETTLE DOWN?
Funny SWF, 42, 5'1", 105lbs., brunette, hazel-eyed, enjoys collecting dolls, camping, traveling, carnivals and outdoors. Seeking outgoing, fun, stable SM, 40-50, N/S, for LTR. Ad# 2567

BIKE HIKE KAYAK
Looking to expand circle of friends. Tall, blonde DWPF, 52, loves out doors, reading, off balance sense of humor. If chemistry happens, lucky us!! Ad# 2617

SHARE OUR HOBBIES
SWF, 65, 5'7", medium-built, enjoys reading, conversations, hiking, gardening, movies, theatre, cooking, traveling, quiet times. ISO nice, considerate, caring, religious SWM, 64-75. Ad# 2838

NOT INTO BAR SCENE
SWF, 26, 5'8", 145lbs., with red hair, blue eyes, likes affection, camping, fishing, darts, pool. ISO SBM, 33-46, 5'10"+, around 200lbs. Ad# 2638

THIN AND SUCCESSFUL
DWPF, 35, 5'5", 110lbs., N/S, enjoys running, hiking, golfing and quiet evenings by the fireplace. Seeking a N/S WPM, with same interests. Ad# 1998

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A SLOW HAND
A gentle touch. A man who understands what a woman needs. Me: W WP, large, attractive, 44, 5'7", ISO NW/NAM, with same interests 40+, for LTR. Ad# 2573

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
Tall, blonde SWF, 40, seeks faithful boyfriend, 40s or under. Ad# 2578

JUST CALL ME
Retired SWF, 68, attractive, 5'1", 110lbs., athletic, variety of interests looking for SWM, 63-75, for companionship. Ad# 2819

A GIFT TO THE FUTURE
Brunette, funny NAF, 42, 5'1", 105lbs., like carnivals, outdoors beaches, travel, country life, camping, romantic dinners. ISO WW/DISM 40-50, N/S, drug-free, same interests. Possible LTR/marriage. Ad# 2812

LET'S SHARE TIMES
Warm, energetic SWF, 52, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, enjoys skiing, travel books, dancing, traveling, films. Looking for SWM, 48-55, same interests. Ad# 2796

ISO THE REAL THING
I'm a 32 year-old, attractive, romantic, fun, outgoing SWPF seeking a physically fit, clean-cut, stable SBPM, 30-35, N/S, for LTR. Ad# 1846

ISO THE REAL THING
Blonde, green-eyed DWF, 35, 5'7", no children, ISO sensual SHWM 32-42, who's honest, committed, caring, stable, for LTR, no games please. Ad# 2245

ISO MID AGED PREPPY
Attractive, petite, slender, fun-loving, playful, warm, affectionate, intelligent SWF, seeks SWPM, 53-63, intelligent, healthy, financially stable, great sense of humor. Ad# 2330

TOUCHDOWN!
Score points with me! DWPM, 50+, N/S, kind, warm, enjoys cozy evenings, sports, ISO silently sexy; secure DWPF, 50s, 5'8", to huddle with in LTR. Ad# 2337

ISO MY SOULMATE
Classy SWP mom, 46, outdoorsy, loves sushi, classical music, dining out, nature. Seeking spiritual SWM, 42-55, who's self aware, and would like a healthy committed relationship. Ad# 2548

NEXT STOP...ROMANCE
SBF, 39, likes movies, concerts, museums, R&B music, comedy shows. Looking for a hardworking, nice, respectful SBM, 35-55, who likes kids. Ad# 2539

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWF, 46, loves the ocean, concerts, motorcycles. Tahoe. Seeking a SWM, 40-50, for fun and spontaneous adventures. Ad# 2493

LOOKING FOR COMPANION
SBF, 28, witty, full-figured, enjoys sports, music, dancing and much more. ISO a SBM, 24-40, who's humorous and secure. Ad# 2533

MUTUAL ATTRACTION
DNA mom, 42, 5'1", 105lbs., brunette, romantic, funny, likes travel, sightseeing, walks, camping, scary movies. Seeking SIDM, 40-50, hand some, financially secure, for possible LTR/marriage. Ad# 2526

FREE TO MEET
Spontaneous, happy active SWF, 40, no children, love animals. Seeking a SWM, 40-50, same qualities, for LTR. Ad# 2489

GOOD COMMUNICATION
Serene SWF, 66, 5'2", 135lbs., brown hair, friendly, likes conversations, reading, television, writing poems. Interested in meeting an honest, caring, secure SBM, 55-69. Ad# 2519

OUT OF MY DREAMS
Into my arms. ISO lifelong partnership. SWPM, 56-63, N/S, no drugs, educated, attractive, financial success. I'm a SWPF: petite, pretty, brainy, and affectionate. Ad# 2353

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...eyes, blond hair, energetic, fit, avid walker, ISO ...is energetic, educated and sensitive. Ad# 1643

SEEKING MARRIAGE
...well-educated Russian lady, 44, 5'8", ISO SM, 44+, ...marriage-minded only. Ad# 2183

WHATEVER YOU WANT
...hair, likes country music, camping, cooking. ISO LTR, ...N/S, N/D, drug-free, honest partner, to go camping

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
...adventurous SWF, 49, enjoys outdoor activities. Look... trustworthy, honest SWM, 40-60. Ad# 2433

AT LAST...
...and it's my turn. SBF, 48, 5'10", ISO honest SM, for ...Drug-free. Ad# 2217

BAY AREA
...blue eyes, petite, enjoys hiking, tennis and other out... SPM, 32-39, educated, responsible, similar interests,

A NEW BEGINNING
...zest for life, would like to meet financially/emotionally ...race open. Ad# 6747

FULL-FIGURED GAL
...WHM, mature, honest, handsome, who likes fun-filled ...nights. Ad# 2150

JUST FOR YOU!
...SBF, 33, 5'10", thick, with black hair, loves out... beach walks and spending time with a SBM, 35-45. Ad#

TELL ME ABOUT YOU
...42, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, great personality, loves bowl... out. Looking for a SWPM, 40-55, N/S, drug-free, ...easygoing. Ad# 2379

SOUND INTERESTING?
...5'8", red hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, dining, reading, ...meditation, angels, ISO SWM, 22-38. Ad# 2382

HONESTY ABOVE ALL
...affectionate SWF, 55, 5'5", 140lbs., brown hair, ...movies, hiking, the ocean, ISO open, honest SWM, 45-

ISO SOMEONE LIKE YOU
...35, 5'7", 150lbs., enjoys amusement parks, park walks, ...40-45. Ad# 2369

A CUTIE PIE
...SBF, 40, 5'7", dark hair, enjoys tennis, golf, the out... ISO sensitive, outgoing SM, 35-48, 6' or over. Ad#

IN SEARCH OF YOU
...understanding SBPF, 28, 5'3", 145lbs., light brown hair, ...swimming, softball, ISO understanding, outgoing SM, 25-

COMPATIBILITY A MUST
...eyed, happy-go-lucky, retired SWF, 71, 5'2", like people, ...traveling, life, long rides, dining out, movies. ISO ...interests/qualities. Ad# 2400

ROMANTIC
...shapely figure, likes going to movies, cuddling and pas... ISO N/S, honest, romantic, fun-loving man, who like kids/ ...friendship. Ad# 1821

WARM WOMAN
...voluptuous woman, 50s, ISO a possible relationship ...clean, financially secure, N/D, N/S man, for fun times.

HARLEY GAL
...her Harley prince, 35-43. Must be romantic, spontane... attitude, thoughtfulness a must, friends and possible

A GREAT CATCH
...5'8", 170lbs., attractive, intelligent, outgoing, enjoys din... sports, fishing. Seeking SM, 55+, friendly, for friendship

SEEKING SOULMATE
...eyed blond, fun, spiritual, writer, many interests, ISO ...established, 52-62, for mutually supportive life together.

ATTRACTIVE & PETITE
...slender, with a sense of humor, ISO WPM, 59-68, for ...fun, day trips, movies, and quiet evenings. Ad# 1584

HOW ABOUT ME?
...energetic SWF, 28, red hair, green eyes, if you're an ...25-45, who enjoys reading, movies and sunsets. Ad#

LET'S CHAT
...54, enjoys traveling, the outdoors and dining out. Eager ...50-60. Ad# 2125

YOUNG AT HEART
...has interests that include dining out. ISO SWM, 29-40, ...relationship. Ad# 2115

THE ONE FOR ME
...F, 43, 5'3", 190lbs., loves walks, movies and candlelit ...would like to meet a gentle, loving SBM, 38-53. Ad# 2112

YOU NEED TO CALL
...figured, attractive SWF, 37, 5'8", brown hair, green eyes, ...SWPM, 32-48, who likes water activities and friend-

WHY NOT ME?
...to meet a SM, 65-79, who enjoys dining out and spend... friends. Ad# 2105

WHY NOT ME?
...activities that include dining out, boating and beach walks. ...43-55, for a mature relationship. Ad# 2107

LOOKING FOR YOU
...figured S mom, loves my kids, job, but something is miss... SWM, friends first, possible LTR. Ad# 6689

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?
...full-figured SPF, 24, many interests, but can you show ...me? ISO easygoing SPM, 24-40, an attention giver, N/ ...1782

BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN
...F, 31, 5'2", 108lbs., kind-hearted, animal lover, seeks ...animals, for LTR. Ad# 1550

EAST BAY
...hazel eyes, short auburn hair, full-figured, smoker, an... animals. Seeking intelligent, funny M, race unimpor... 1983

CAN'T WAIT TO MEET U
Tall, trim, charming, witty, fun WF, 71, 5'7", ISO warm-hearted, humorous, straightforward, loving WM, 63-80, for fun, friendship, companionship, possible relationship. Ad# 2087

ISO SOMEONE SPECIAL
DWF, 56, 5'9", trim and fit, enjoys music, dancing, hiking, tennis, and is enthusiastic about life. ISO active WM, 50-60, 5'10"+, emotionally available, for LTR. Ad# 1571

IS THIS YOU?
Family-oriented, child-centered, outdoorsy handyman, N/S, N/D, wanted by full-figured SF, 32, N/S, who loves life, laughter and more. Ad# 1579

CAT LOVER
Educated, tall SWF, 48, no children, happy, secure, moderate smoker, very affectionate, sentimental, and introspective, seeks same in very tall, clean-cut SWM. Ad# 1581

BEFORE THE ROAD RUNS
Out of brick. This attractive, available, 50-something SWF, would like to meet a charismatic, caring man, who likes to kiss, caress, and commit. Ad# 1582

BEST IS YET TO COME
Sensitive, loyal, warm, personable, degreed WF, 48, 5'11", 155lbs., loves flea markets, reading, writing. Seeking an educated, kind WM, 45-55, 6'3"+. Ad# 2101

BEGIN WITH A CALL
Outgoing BF, 40, 5'9", likes movies, bowling, long walks, motorcycling. Seeks an outgoing, fun-loving BM, 29-50, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 2094

WITHIN A HEARTBEAT
SAF, 60, brown-skinned, educated, would like to meet a SWM, 60-65, educated, affectionate, loyal, honest, who likes gardening, dining out, music and movies. Ad# 2045

CALL FOR DETAILS
Secure HF, 32, is looking for a nice-looking, financially/emotionally secure WM, 35-45, to share nice times with. Ad# 2106

NEW FROM SAN DIEGO
Pretty brunette, 5'6", young 44, likes music, golf and theatre. Sweet business professional, homeowner, ISO an attractive, kind, successful, marriage-minded prince, 42-52, 5'10"+. Ad# 6888

ATTENTION: BOB
You responded to ad# 6448, "Laguna Seca". You forgot to leave your area code, please respond again. Ad# 1493

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You responded to ad# 6448, "Laguna Seca". You forgot to leave your area code, please respond again. Ad# 1494

LAUGHS EASILY
Hugs well. Exceptionally attractive, young-looking, natural WPF, good character, enjoys photography, drawing, spectator sports. Desires one-woman man, 32-50 something, honest, financially/personally secure. Destiny awaits. Ad# 1503

EXOCTIC BEAUTY
SF, 39, petite, pretty, classy, athletic, fun, N/S, ISO SM, 39+, 5'8"+, N/S, athletic, trustworthy, good sense of humor, fun. Ad# 1509

MAN I FEEL LIKE A...
Woman. Classy, trim SWPF, 5'5", brunette, seeks tall, handsome SWPM, 50-60. Let's make every day Thanksgiving, and every night New Years Eve. Ad# 1512

ISO BIG BEAR
SWF, 39, slim, fit, pretty, ISO tall SWM, under 50, to roam the outdoors with, possible LTR. Ad# 1526

INTERESTED? CALL!
Healthy, fun-loving, active, honest, emotionally/financially secure WWWF, 74, 5'5", 132lbs., brown hair/eyes, ISO SWM, 65-70, with similar qualifications. Ad# 2059

GREEN-EYED BLONDE
Medium-built, sensitive, caring, understanding, spontaneous SWF, 48, 5'1", likes motorcycles, camping, fishing, boating, hiking, movies. ISO SWM, 48-56, with similar interests, sense of humor. Ad# 2061

LIKE ME FOR ME
Honest, open, understanding, outgoing SWF, 28, 5'5", 222lbs., likes dancing, movies, sports, traveling, dinners, good times. ISO SWM, 29-40, around 6'2", around 195lbs., similar interests. Ad# 2060

FRIENDS & MORE
Light-skinned, long-haired SBF, 40, 5'6", 190lbs., with big brown eyes, likes outdoors, camping, fishing, boating, bowling. ISO SBM, 40-55, for friendship, possible LTR. Ad# 2084

HAPPY & HONEST
Blonde, brown-eyed, sexy, good-looking SF, 33, 5'3", loves horseback riding, nature, fishing, beach, walks, dining, movies, concerts. ISO happy, good-looking, romantic, active, athletic SWM, 25-45. Ad# 2067

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE
Blue-eyed, blonde, attractive, athletic, fun, upbeat, bubbly SWPF, 33, likes home decorating, gardening, painting, water sports, hiking, biking. ISO SWM, 28-42, for LTR. Ad# 2074

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
Outgoing SBF, 19, 5'5", 180lbs., loves fun, joking, softball, movies, shopping, clubbing, long walks. ISO SWM, 18-24, similar interests. Ad# 2076

LET'S JUST HAVE FUN
SWPF, 59, smoker, enjoys living, laughing, loving, old cars, most anything. ISO honest, fun-loving one-woman man, to share fun with. Ad# 1538

SINGLE TOO LONG
Energetic, green-eyed, dark-haired, proportionate SWF, 54, likes walking, dogs, cooking, dining, movies, reading, fairs. ISO SWM, 45-60, to settle down, live happily ever after with. Ad# 2082

LOVE OUTDOORS
DWF, 44, mother of three boys, easygoing, affectionate, honest, loves photography, nature, movies, romantic dinners, music, (smooth jazz). ISO D/SWM, N/S, secure, romantic, family-oriented. Ad# 1355

LET'S TALK
DWF, ISO DWM, 48-56, who loves the outdoors, camping, fishing, hiking, kids, animals, candlelit dinners, movies, motorcycles and music, for friendship first. Ad# 1469

GREAT CATCH
Athletic SWF, 37, 5'11", has interests that include sporting events, the beach and music. Searching for a humorous SBM, 29-40. Ad# 2024

SEARCH NO MORE
SBF, 41, enjoys traveling, sports and horseback riding. ISO SM, 40-48, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2029

END THE SINGLE LIFE
Laid-back SBF, 41, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, likes traveling, sports and the beach. She would like to meet an outgoing SM, 35-48, for companionship. Ad# 2032

COMMITMENT-MINDED
Classy SWF, 60, 5'8", blonde hair, green eyes, wants to meet a handsome, honest SWM, 58-68, who likes music, the arts and laughter. Ad# 2033

WHY NOT ME?
Hardworking SAF, 37, 5', 130lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, is hoping to meet a SM, 30-45, who enjoys dancing, dining out, traveling and hiking. Ad# 2034

LET'S BÉ CANDID
Healthy, comical SWPF, 38, 5'11", 160lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys working out, concerts, sports and amusement parks. Interested in meeting a N/S SBM, 29-40. Ad# 2049

CAN WE CLICK?
Spontaneous SHF, 40, 5'4", brown hair, hazel eyes, likes the beach, sunsets, camping and movies. She wants to meet an adventurous SBM, 36-46, for companionship. Ad# 2051

JUST ONE CALL
Intelligent SWF, 46, 5'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes computers, fairs and beach walks. She's hoping to meet an active SWM, 43-53, to share good times. Ad# 2052

DON'T MISS OUT
Cheerful SWF, 31, 5'7", 150lbs., light brown hair, is eager to meet a handsome, funny SWM, 25-39, who likes skiing, boating and camping. Ad# 2055

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Looking for WWWM, 75+. I'm slender, 5'4", blonde, financially secure, N/S, well-educated, with many interests as gardening, traveling, shows, eating out. Looking for companionship. Ad# 1476

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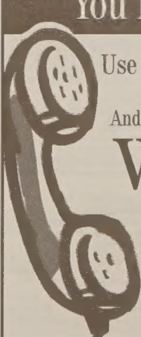
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WANNA HAVE FUN?
DWPF, single parent, 38, 5'6", 140lbs., blue-eyed blond, enjoys music, outdoor activities and the sun. ISO DWPM, 6'+, 35-42, physically fit, N/S, N/D. Ad# 1328

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SWPF, 37, 5'1", 120lbs., blue-eyed brunette, no dependents, two-thirds REI, one-third Nordstrom's, enjoys camping, water skiing, BBQs and more. ISO SWPM, 35-45, same interests. Ad# 1251

ISO GOOD MAN!
Classy DWPF, 45. Seeks kind, self-aware man, 40s to mid-50s, who loves children, appreciates nature, is spiritual, and can first be a good friend. Ad# 1263

FROM THE HEART
SWF, 40, petite, ISO SWM, 5'9"-6', you don't have to have it all. With 40+ candles on your cake, please be sincere and not a fake. Ad# 1110

RICHMOND AREA
Nice, outgoing SBF, 43, 5'6", 190lbs., enjoys meeting others, children, fishing, bowling, beaches, movies. ISO outgoing, kind-hearted SM, 38-50, similar interests, for friendship first. Ad# 1092

DESERVING A LOT...
Of love. Classy, blue-eyed SWF, 68, 5'3", enjoys movies, baseball, theatre, walks, rides, dining. Looking for retired, active, financially secure SM, 63-73, drug-free, for LTR. Ad# 1063

WANTED: HUMOROUS MAN
SAF, 36, 125lbs., N/S, N/D, enjoys hiking, biking, golf, dancing. Searching for humorous SM, 35-59, with same interests, for LTR. Ad# 1103

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER
SWF, 66, attractive, enjoys playing bridge. Looking for nice gentleman, 65-75, with similar interests, for friendship. Ad# 1102

HAPPY, FUN AND FIT
SWF, 40, 5'7", 120lbs., short brown hair, blue eyes, loves exercise, sunshine, and laughter. ISO SM, 38-47, trim, and fit, with similar interests. Ad# 1204

SEEKING FAMILY MAN
DW mother of one, 44, 5'6", green-eyed blond, medium-built, ISO D/SWM, who enjoys family times, sports, travel, barbecues, has a sense of humor. Possible LTR. Ad# 1225

SHARE TIME WITH ME
Business owner, SBF, 45, 5'5", 140lbs., likes rock collecting. ISO tall, handsome, financially secure SM, 39-49. Ad# 1433

TEACH ME TO FLY
Calm, fun-loving SWF, 60, 5'6", blonde, blue-eyed, student pilot, likes flying. ISO SM, 50-65, pilot. Ad# 1431

WALK WITH ME
Funny SBF, 46, 5'6", 139lbs., likes walks, hiking, reading. ISO honest, humorous SM, 46-53, N/S. Ad# 1434

SWEEP ME OFF MY FEET
Charming, outgoing, adventurous, daring SBF, 18, 6'1", enjoys jogging, biking, relaxing. ISO respectful, charming SM, 18-30. Ad# 1435

POPCORN, OLD MOVIES
Happy-go-lucky, social SWF, 72, red-haired, 5'2", blue-eyed, enjoys cooking, baking, gardening, movies, candlelight. ISO SM, 71-74. Ad# 1425

NOT A PARTY PERSON
Educated, well-traveled DF, 59, loves music, but not a party person, seeks a SM, 60-68. Ad# 1424

LOOKING 4 MR. RIGHT
DWF, 34, 5'5", enjoys outdoors, movies, beach walks. Seeking honest, caring, easygoing, romantic S/DW/HM, 30-45. Communication a must. No head games or drugs. Ad# 1235

SHY AT FIRST
WF, 46, 5'4", long dark hair, brown eyes, curvy build, young at heart, loves animals, the beach, puzzles. ISO a tall, protective, kind M, 30-55. Ad# 1060

GOOD PERSONALITY
SWF, retired, Italian-born, attractive, big blue eyes, enjoys ocean, long rides, movies, dancing. ISO SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/D, drug-free, humorous, honest, for LTR, similar interests. Ad# 1243

EUROPEAN LADY
ISO honest, intelligent, attractive gentleman, 30-40, 6'+, for a genuine friendship/relationship. I'm 31, an attractive brunette, 6', 150lbs., with strong morals and good personality. Ad# 1149

NOT A BARBIE DOLL!
Full-figured SWF, 35, ISO SWM, 30-49, who is loyal, honest and respectable, for friendship first. Ad# 1047

LET'S HAVE FUN!
SWPF, 45, 5'6", enjoys hiking, reading and being with other people. ISO SWM, 38-53, with Christian beliefs. Ad# 1389

IS IT YOU?
Hazel-eyed SWF, 40, 5'5", mother of one, ISO SWM, 30-48, to be my special someone. Ad# 1387

HOT BRUNETTE
SWF, 25, 5'1", 110lbs., enjoys outdoors, camping, dining and quiet times at home. ISO SWM, 23-29, for a committed LTR. Ad# 1383

LOVES TO LAUGH
SWPF, 5'6", 150lbs., enjoys going out, shooting hoops, photography, and walks. ISO SWM, 18-26, with a playful side, friendship first. Ad# 1384

NORMAL
DWF, 43, average build, ISO nice, normal S/DWM, 43-53, preferably tall, financially/emotionally secure, for possible LTR. Ad# 1182

FRIENDLY BLONDE
DWPF, attractive, outgoing, 5'3", medium-built, good conversationalist, financially secure and happy, looking for the same: DWPM, 50-55, for possible LTR. Concord/Clayton, Walnut Creek/Martinez. Ad# 1183

COUNTRY GAL AT HEART
Open, honest SWF, petite, 31, brown hair, blue eyes, loves animals, hiking, dancing, and kids. ISO SWM, 35-45, for possible LTR. Ad# 1188

CUTE COUNTRY GUY
38-45, is wanted by a brown-haired, hazel-eyed, country girl. Must be honest, sincere, have a good sense of humor, and like wide open spaces. Ad# 1190

FUN FULL-FIGURED
SWF, 49, seeks younger, sincere, SWM, that enjoys traveling, movies, romantic evenings. Sense of humor a must. N/S. One-on-one LTR. Ad# 1192

WANT A DATE? ME TOO!
Fun-loving, brown-haired, emotionally/financially secure SWF, 71, 5'5", 130lbs., enjoys life, dancing, bowling, movies, long parks walks, dinners. ISO SWM, 65-73, with similar interests/qualities. Ad# 1405

NO LIMITS!!!
Financially secure DWPF, 52, homeowner, 5', 115lbs., enjoys traveling, Summer activities, gardening, fiction/non-fiction, reading, dining, concerts, new adventures. ISO degreed SWM, 50-59, with similar interests. Ad# 1406

EMERALD EYES
Pretty, classy, slim, athletic, sexy, adventurous and fun SWPF, young 51, 5'8", N/S, ISO SWPM, N/S, 6'+, good-looking, athletic, sense of humor, successful, confident, trustworthy. Ad# 1202

LONG, LEAN AND ???
Single mom of two, 30, 5'8", 135lbs., short brown hair, big brown eyes definitely attractive and love not only to smile, but making others smile Ad# 6471

VIBRANT EUROPEAN
Active, classy, sensual, very pretty, trim SWF, 50s looks 40s, ISO a tall kind, successful, classy SWPM, N/S, for romance, arts, travel, movies loving LTR. Ad# 6643

FIRST TIME AD
Honest, sincere F, interested in taking it slow at first with honest emotionally available, family-oriented, drug-free, 35-45, knows rea meaning respect, M, 35-45, varied interests. Ad# 6644

ASIAN F
Attractive, affectionate, intelligent, humorous SAF, seeks S/DW/APM 43-55, communicative, sincere, successful, for movies, dining out museums, travel, dancing, outdoor activities, LTR. N/S, N/D. Ad# 665

LOVE IS EVERYTHING
SBF, 38, attractive, outgoing, childfree, N/S, drug-free, ready to enjo life with SM, 5'11"+, with integrity, attractiveness, financially secure fun-loving, race unimportant, for LTR/future family. Ad# 6655

ATTRACTIVE
DWF, 41, good humor, enjoys working out, beaches, gardening, antiquing cars and Harleys. ISO attractive, financially secure SWM, 40-50, wit similar interests. Possible LTR. Ad# 6740

WIND'S IN MY HAIR
SWF, 47, 5'3", 130lbs., blonde hair, blue-eyed, spontaneous, loves to rid Harleys. Seeking SWM, 45-50, witty, outgoing, sense of humor, with Harley. Ad# 1133

B COMFORTABLE WITH U
Easygoing, laid-back SBF, 32, 5'7", 150lbs., loves reading, music, danc ing. ISO a secure, humorous, honest SM, 25-40. Ad# 1375

99% BAGGAGE FREE
Warm, caring, intelligent, attractive SAF, 51, 5'2", 107lbs., enjoy conversations, dining, movies, theatre, writing, acting, concerts, trav eling, photography. ISO attractive intelligent, successful, communicative honest, sincere SM, 43-55. Ad# 1123

ARE YOU SERIOUS?
Friendly, outgoing SBF, 28, 5'3", 140lbs., enjoys movies, camping, hik ing, quiet times. ISO honest, friendly SM, 29-35. Ad# 1379

NO ROOM FOR DECEIT
Beautiful, humorous, spontaneous, financially stable SWF, 40, 5'7" voluptuous, likes weekend drives, antiques, shared times, hand holding hugs. ISO honest, dark-haired, mustached SM, 45-55. Ad# 1377

SPOIL EACH OTHER
Sweet, open-minded, understanding SBF, 18, 5'1", 135lbs., loves fashio design, writing poetry, cooking. ISO down-to-earth, handsome, muscu lar, open, honest SBM, 26-36. Ad# 1364

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?
Happy, bubbly, fun, blonde SWF, 22, 5'3", 125lbs., loves dancing, din ners, movies, beach walks. ISO SM, 22-45, for casual dating first. Ad 1365

CHEMISTRY IMPORTANT
SWF, 40, 5'5", 140lbs., likes motorcycles, Jet Skiing, dancing, cooking entertaining. ISO tall, well-built, positive SM, 35-45. Ad# 1373

PACKAGE DEAL
Attractive SW mother, 30, 5'8", 135lbs., loves dancing, outdoors, camp ing, quiet nights, reading, writing. ISO nice, attractive SM, 24-36, pref erably dark-haired/eyed, who likes children. Ad# 1109

SINCERE AND HONEST
Easygoing, positive, spontaneous SWF, 49, 5'4", medium build, like biking, beaches, fishing, hiking, dinner, dancing. ISO S[illegible]-54. Ad 1357

ADVENTUROUS REDHEAD
Sweet, caring, sexy WF, 37, 5'7", 140lbs., business owner, adventur ous, likes walks on the beach, a ride in the wind, road trips, water sk ing. Ad# 6676

SPLENDOR N THE GRASS
You are 44-58, a SWPM with style, taste and the desire to need a pe tite, fun, brown-eyed girl. Ad# 6577

HANG YOUR HAT HERE!
Attractive WPF, 48, mom, enjoys friends, live music, family fun, walk ing, biking, camping. ISO optimistic, kind WM, 45-55, N/S, commitment minded. Ad# 2384

SUBSTANCE AND CUTE
AF, ISO D/SWPM, 50-60, caring, loving, sharing and explore life together Emotionally available please, enjoys romantic dinners, cozy in front of th fireplace, weekend getaways. Ad# 6348

FIRST COMES LOVE
Child-free SWF, 35, likes camping, dining, movies and more. ISO honest caring SWM, 30-49, who wants a family and has old-fashioned values Ad# 1059

TAKE THE TIME
SWPF, 48, 5'6", 125lbs., likes golf, fine dining, romance and fun. Look ing for WPM, 58-68, who is ready to live life to the fullest. Ad# 106

APRIL SHOWERS
Brought you this beautiful flower. SWF, 19, 5'8", blond hair, blue eyes ISO a fun-loving SWM, 20-26, who enjoys fishing, the beach and goo conversation. Ad# 1066

LONGING FOR LOVE
Fun-loving, friendly, cheerful, honest AF, 20, 5'3", 140lbs., likes read ing, sailing, watching movies. ISO humorous, honest, well-groomed emotionally stable, employed M, 22-29. Ad# 1069

SEE IF WE CLICK!
Unique F, 21, 5'4", 125lbs., hobbies include: baseball, writing poetry. IS independent, intelligent, attractive M, 21-31. Ad# 1070

OUTDOORSY BLOND
Very pretty and fit SWPF, great smile, loves hiking, camping, travel Seeks smart, attractive, caring SWPM, 40-50, to share adventures an life. Ad# 6544

SUMMER FUN
DWF, over 45, looking for Summer friendship, possibly more, a man wh likes outdoors, baseball, theater, movies, and music. Ad# 6547

EXTRA EXTRA...
Read all about it. Wanted young man, single and free. Plus size SWF, 34 red hair, seeks SWM, 30-40, who likes trike rides. Ad# 6553

FUN TIMES AWAIT US
Caramel-complected, outgoing, fun SWF, 19, 155lbs., likes concerts clubbing, having fun. ISO fun, outgoing, easygoing SWM, 20-38, wh likes having fun, for friendship, relationship. Ad# 1080

SMART & PETITE
Childless SWF, 18, 5'1", 130lbs., good sense of humor, likes singing theatre, movies, dining, camping, hiking, swimming, dancing, parties. IS SWM, 18-24, with similar interests/qualities. Ad# 1085

LOVING & PASSIONATE
Black-haired, big-hearted SAF, 49, 5'5", 120lbs., likes dancing, music, movies, fine dining, walking, traveling. ISO well-dressed, loving, hones SWM, 45-55, with good sense of humor/personality. Ad# 1081

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HONEST MAN WANTED
Dark auburn-haired, retired SWF, 70, 5'5", 165lbs., enjoys comedy, theatre, jokes, classical music, partying, walking, swimming, boating, traveling. ISO compassionate, honest SWM, 60-87, similar/different interests. Ad# 1098

GREEN-EYED BLOND
Attractive, affectionate SWPF, with good figure, enjoys golf, travel, dancing and football. ISO financially secure SWPM, 50+, N/S, with good sense of humor. Ad# 6641

HIGH STANDARDS
SWPF, mother of one, 5'10", blonde, blue-eyed, romantic, classy, has good morals and values. ISO SWPM, 37-47, who enjoys romance, good conversation. Ad# 6349

A TOUCH OF CLASS
Warm, caring, intelligent, humorous, attractive AF, 51, 5'2", 107lbs., enjoys theater, museums, writing, acting, photography. Seeks a creative, attractive, successful, fit M, 35-55, for LTR. Ad# 1041

NEW IN TOWN
Sweet, honest, happy SF, 30, enjoys life. ISO SM, 30-35, to make new friends, and possibly more. Ad# 1057

ISO HANDSOME BLACK M
Attractive SWF, 33, 5'7", big and beautiful, honest, adventurous, playful, sensuous, independent, and sexy, ISO SBM, 30-40, 5'10"+, handsome, honest, financially secure, open-minded, for LTR. Ad# 6664

FUN ONE
DWF, 43, looking to meet a person who wants to enjoy life. Dinner, movies, and long drives. Seeking M, 40-48, with good sense of humor. Ad# 6269

EASY TO TALK TO
DWCF, N/S, N/D, ISO SM, 30-45, for LTR, marriage-minded, want more children, [illegible] love children, financially secure, educated and good communicator. Ad# 6140

DYNAMIC LADY
Down-to-earth DWF, 58, 5'1", 125lbs., various interests, many qualities. Looking to fill a void in my life. Hoping to find that special guy. Is it you? Ad# 6148

ARE YOU READY 2 MEET?
Shy, caring, romantic, loving, honest SAF, 49, 5'5", 120lbs., likes movies, dining, fairs, gym, sports. ISO tall, slim, nice-dressed, honest, loving SM, 45-55. Ad# 9960

I KNOW YOU'RE THERE
Fun, caring, calm, sincere, black-haired, weight-proportioned SWF, 40, 5', loves outdoors, plays, concerts, movies. ISO SM, 35-48, to enjoy life with. Ad# 1004

COOKING 4 2 IS FUN
Feminine, creative SWF, 41, 5'5", 140lbs., enjoys motorcycles, Jet Skiing, cooking. ISO tall, handsome SM, 35-45. Ad# 1023

CONNECT WITH ME
Witty, clever SHF, 20, 5'2", 120lbs., enjoys soccer, volleyball, tennis. ISO intelligent, attractive SM, 25-30. Ad# 1030

GET WITH ME 2 TALK
Attractive SHF, 31, works in the beauty industry. ISO financially/mentally secure, good-looking SHM, 35-45. Ad# 1034

JUMP-START MY HEART
Pretty SWF, 37, 5'7", trim, blond, N/S, likes traveling, gardening, sports, movies. ISO [illegible]M, 6'+, 27-45, N/S, honest, fit, humorous, similar interests. Tri-Valley area only. Ad# 6052

ISO COMPANIONSHIP
Strong, compassionate, loyal, confident, down-to-earth, fun-loving SBPF, 41, athletically-inclined, seeks P, intelligent, self-confident M, 40-55, likes dancing, dining, entertainment, good conversation, travel, for possible LTR. Ad# 6059

RECOVERING ROMANTIC
Trying to be more practical, 52, 5'2", blond, S mom, teacher, reader, swimmer, loves biking, kayaking, movies. ISO M, 45-55, funny, loving, good communicator, N/S. Ad# 6145

FIT THE PROFILE?
DWPF, 36, ISO WPM. Do you like to laugh, get crazy, yet enjoy a walk on the beach or just sitting at home cuddling? Ad# 8181

SING ME A SONG
SWF, 28, seeks serenade by SWM, 29-40. Creativity counts over talent. Likes group dinners, shooting pool, racquetball. Not outdoorsy. Getting back in shape. Romance required! Ad# 8782

LONG SEXY LEGS!
SWF, 32, very sensual and sexy, loves outdoor/indoor activities. Seeks SM, 20-30, for romance, friendship, companionship and more. Race unimportant. Ad# 7877

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41 YEAR-OLD BALD GUY
Short, fat, no job, lives with mom. Looking for a wealthy, attractive SWF. Must have car. Ad# 2992

HEY GIRL COME OUT!
Petite, slim, beautiful, fun girl, 37+, N/S, N/D, is wanted by SWM, 5'10", blond hair, blue-eyed, very fit. Don't be shy. Ad# 2984

SWEET AND NICE
Seeking sugar and spice. SWM, 47, N/S, blue-eyed, 6'4", 225lbs., childless, open, humorous, outdoorsy, loves tennis, fly fishing, the theatre, dancing. ISO city/country girl, 34-47. Ad# 2996

EUROPHILE
Well-traveled, wordsmith, seeks bright, trim, adventurous, fellow traveler and partner, (begin 60-70), for loving LTR. Berkley-Richmond area preferred. Ad# 3004

CALL FOR DETAILS!
100% stimulating, intuitive BM, 56, 6'4", 289lbs., likes to travel. ISO full-figured SWF, 41-63, 5'7"+, from central Walnut Creek/northern Walnut Creek. Ad# 3006

ROMANTIC
Passionate SWM, 52, handsome construction worker, fit, looking for a woman of substance, who truly loves the great outdoors, backpacking, hiking. Open to age. Ad# 3010

SECRET OF MY SUCCESS
Hooking up with someone like you! Share the best of life with this athletic, good-looking SWM, 36. ISO cute, slim or petite, marriage-minded, family-oriented SAF, 24-38. Ad# 3011

ISO ATTRACTIVE LADY
SWPM, 49, 5'11", 211lbs., muscular build, likes movies, dancing, dining. ISO height/weight proportionate, attractive SF, 44-52, for possible LTR. Ad# 3233

COMMITMENT-MINDED
SAM, 40, 6', black hair, open, likes music, cooking, sports. ISO warm, responsible WF, 25-35, for LTR. Ad# 3230

HARDWORKING MAN
SWPM, 45, looking for friend, partner, LTR, in SF, 18-25, race unimportant, partial to plus size, who's supportive, and looking for a good man. Ad# 3226

PROFESSIONAL COWBOY
Funny SW cowboy, enjoys rodeos, movies, dining out, line dancing. ISO SWF, 28-38, kids okay, for dating, possible LTR. Ad# 3012

LOVE IN ORINDA
Educated SWPM, 56, 5'8", honesty, commitment, humor, exploring life together, romantic, homeowner, loves outdoors, beaches, sunsets, hiking, bicycling, dancing, art, quiet times. Seeking woman, 46-58, LTR. Ad# 3015

SHARE LIFE
Educated, confident, secure, sensitive, caring, romantic gentleman, SWPM, 6'3", 190lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, young 50s, ISO like attractive, shapely, brunette soulmate, 40-52. Ad# 2973

VANILLA LOOKING
For chocolate! SWM, 6'6", 250lbs., fit, employed, enjoys movies, dinner, the spa, candlelight. ISO spicy, voluptuous SBPF, 30 to mid-40s. Ad# 2974

CAPTURE MY HEART
SWM, 36, 6'1", athletic, enjoys sports, motorcycles and the outdoors. Looking for a beautiful SWF, 20-39, to do things together. Ad# 2964

HELLO LADIES
SWM, 50, likes camping and fishing. Looking for a SWF, 40-55, who loves the outdoors. Ad# 3199

A MEETING OF CHANCE
Offers endless possibilities. WWWM, 50s, 6'1", ISO emotionally available, affectionate SWF, mid-40s to mid-50s, for friendship, dating, LTR. Let's meet for coffee or lunch. Ad# 2980

SPONTANEOUS
SHM, 37, 5'9", 195lbs., enjoys sports, exercise, dancing, quiet times. ISO SF, 30-45, similar interests. Ad# 3209

SEEKING COMMITMENT
Responsible, appreciative, hardworking SWM, 47, who believes in God, seeks emotionally available, childless SF, who ultimately wants a committed relationship, self-respect, meaningful life. Ad# 2982

PANAMANIAN MAN
SBM, 52, 5'11", 198lbs., enjoys sports, walking, dancing. ISO SF, 40-60, N/S, who loves to laugh and enjoy life, kids okay, race open. Ad# 2983

REAL NO HYPE
Handsome SWM, tall, long brown hair, early 40s, humorous, caring understanding, likes movies, blues, sports. Seeking SF, nice, slender, intelligent, age unimportant, for dating. Ad# 2984

FRIENDS FIRST
SWM, 39, 5'8", black hair, green eyes, enjoys fine dining, beaches, bowling. ISO a SF, 31-48, with similar interests, for possible LTR. Ad# 3220

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWM, 56, 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, ISO SF, N/S, 45-60, in-shape, to share dinners, dancing and good times. Ad# 3215

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
SWM, 45, 6'1", 190lbs, bald and tattooed, enjoys travel and having fun. ISO SF, 18-25, to share special moments, possible LTR. Ad# 3216

COMPANION FOR LIFE
WWWM, 48, 6', 235lbs., brown hair, glasses, mustache, father of 13 year-old son, loves outdoors, music, antiques. ISO SWF, 35-45, with similar interests, for LTR. Ad# 3213

ARTS-LOVING NICE GUY
SWM, 45, 6', 175lbs., good-looking, friendly, tall successful, humorous, smart, enjoys hiking, movies, museums, dogs. ISO SF, trim 30-40, with similar interests. Ad# 3211

GREAT BARGAIN
Tall, attractive SWPM, 49, with no children, fluent, fit, ISO fit, warm SF, for committed LTR, and lifetime of mutual spoiling. Ad# 2987

THOUGHTFUL MAN
My shy, handsome friend is a 39 year-old SWCM, 5'8". Superb craftsmanship, honesty and charm. Will be a great dad and partner. ISO SWF. Ad# 2761

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER!
SBPM, 43, 6'1", 215lbs., bodybuilder, ISO SPF, 38-45, to ride into the sunset, listening to the sweet sound of Motown. Race is unimportant, character is. Ad# 2763

ISO COMPANIONSHIP
SWM, 39, 6'1", likes fishing, camping, the beach. ISO attractive SWF, 30-45, for good times, drug-free. Ad# 2774

CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
Humorous, intelligent SWM, 49, 5'8", healthy, enjoys football, reading, hiking, dancing, cards, other diverse activities. ISO friendly SF, 39-50, medium-sized, N/S, intelligent, educated, for relationship. Ad# 3181

SLEEPLESS IN CALI'
Old-fashioned, romantic DWPM, 45, 5'10", enjoys the beach, dining out, plays, traveling. Seeking slender D/SF, 25-49, with ambition and sense of humor, for possible LTR. Ad# 2966

DOWN-TO-EARTH GUY
Active, industrious, fit, goal-oriented SBM, 39, seeks caring SF, 22-52, who likes bowling, comedy shows, dancing, sporting events, being pampered. Ad# 2965

TIME TO CALL IS NOW
Handsome SWM, 40, 5'9", 185lbs., with dark hair and light brown eyes, would love a relationship with an attractive SF, 29-39. Ad# 3183

SHARE OUR INTERESTS
Outgoing SWM, 49, 5'7", 180lbs., enjoys working out, dining, movies, golfing. ISO attractive, fit, petite SWF, 35-50. Ad# 3186

LOOK NO FURTHER
SWM, 40, 6', 225lbs., who's outgoing, enjoys football, biking, tennis, golfing. ISO fun-loving SF, 29-45. Ad# 3184

HAPPY HANDSOME
Intellectual, easygoing, affectionate, retired PM, values personal growth, children, LTR, nature, romance, the arts. You: SPF, 50-68, artistic, outdoorsy, captivating. No Republicans. Ad# 2970

EVEN THOUGH WE'VE
Never met, I do know you exist. Handsome SBM, 42, homeowner, good job, ISO real love, any race, under 42. Yes, it's time we met! Ad# 1291

OPEN HIGH WATERS
Merchant seamen, early 50s, 5'10", 215lbs., ruggedly handsome, pleasing to the eyes, ISO pretty WF, 40s, no baggage, hang-ups. Carefree relationship. Let's get together. Ad# 2739

LOTS OF FUN
Tri-valley SWPM, 54, attractive, athletic, enjoys travel, sports, live theater, cooking, is honest, caring. Seeks SAF, 30-49, for LTR. Ad# 2743

YOU ARE A
Plus size woman. Me, 45, 6'1", 190lbs., bald and tattooed. Looking for a little love and a LTR. Age and race unimportant. Ad# 2745

TALL AND TAN
DWM, 55, an outdoorsman, who loves the beaches and mountains, loves to golf, dine out, and dance. Looking for a nature girl. Ad# 2748

BLUE COLLAR
SWM, 34, honest, easygoing, stable, hardworking, father of one, is ISO a SW/HF, 25-40, same qualities, for LTR. No drugs. Ad# 2750

I NEED YOU
Call this SM, 26. ISO SF, 24-33, for friendship and a possible relationship. Ad# 2839

IS IT YOU?
SW dad, 45, 6'2", 210lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys dining out, movies, sports, his pet. ISO a monogamous, slender, attractive SW/AF, 30-45. Ad# 2885

GET TO KNOW ME
Call this SWM, 37. ISO SWF, 37-55, for friendship and casual dating. Ad# 2945

LOOKING 4 A PARTNER
In life. DM, mid-50s, enjoys water and snow skiing, biking, shows, dinners. ISO a SF, for LTR. 2nd home is Tahoe. Ad# 2702

HEALTHY WEALTHY WISE
Attractive, athletic, ambitious, accomplished, balanced, fit, Mensan, J.D., varied interests, seeks similarly qualified, childless woman of childbearing ability. Any race/ethnicity. Serious inquiries only, please. Ad# 2707

EUROPEAN DWM
Handsome, adventurous, energetic, humorous, 48, loves sunshine, travel, Mediterranean/tropical islands, boating, music, arts. Seeking same cultured, smart, dynamic, considerate DWF, attractive, sexy, sensual, stable. Ad# 2708

ISO UNIQUE FEMALE
DWM, 49, 6'3", fit, savvy, spiritual, ISO joyful, wise F, with sense of humor, open-minded, for fitness, festivities, friendship, frolic. Ad# 2710

READY FOR A CHANGE
Nice-looking SWM, 53, 5'11", 220lbs., easygoing, enjoys travel, reading, social activities. Seeking F, 50-58, attractive, for a good companionship. Ad# 2711

ALWAYS ON THE GO
Outgoing, athletic SM, 36, 5'9", 160lbs., likes dancing, bookstores, coffee shops, golfing, hiking, movies, tennis, and sailing. ISO a SPF, 25-42, with varied interests. Ad# 2881

GOOD LISTENER TOO
Kind, sweet, sincere SWM, 52, 5'6", 155lbs., likes dancing, romantic walks, golfing. ISO SF, 45-59. Ad# 2794

MARCO POLO
DWM, 6'4", humorous, adventuresome, energetic, who enjoys dancing, conversations, physically active a plus, seeks a SWF, 50-60, for LTR, serious only. Ad# 2694

LIVE 105 TO KKSF
Spiritual to professional, is this SWPM, 6', fit, N/S, ISO quality, petite, slim SWPF, 26-36? Classy, emotionally/financially secure. Possible LTR. Ad# 2697

LOVE AND ADVENTURE
Handsome, youthful DWM, 51, 5'11", runner, Orinda homeowner, easygoing, caring, fun, seeking accomplished, sensual, romantically playful SF. Enjoy the arts, blues, travel, dining, LTR. Ad# 2342

FULL-FIGURED
Buxom beauty, SWF, 18-40, wanted by a WM, 31, 195lbs., 6'1", honest, humorous, handsome, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 2630

ENJOY LTR WITH ME
Good-looking HM, 50s, ISO sincere SW/HF, who appreciates a romantic gentleman, that loves ocean drives, candlelight dinners, weekend trips. No games. Honesty, chemistry counts. Ad# 2631

A GREAT CATCH
Affluent, attractive, athletic SWM, 6', 185lbs., 39, seeks smart and sexy F, 25-35, for best friends/lovers, leading to marriage/family. N/S, N/D. Please call now. Ad# 2632

YOU NEVER KNOW
Until you call. I'm a WM, 59, 5'7", ISO a WF, 48-60, smoker okay, who's interested in a committed relationship. Ad# 2638

GENEROUS GENTLEMAN
SWPM, tall, trim, mature and easygoing, ISO attractive WF, 18-35, for dates, no drugs. Ad# 2639

NEW TO THE AREA
Outgoing, blue-eyed blond, big-hearted WM, 34, body builder and hard worker, 6', 212lbs., ISO F, 21-37. Ad# 2655

ISO AQUARIUS LATINA
Beauty! If you like 60's-70's music, this handsome, young-looking 44, in-shape M, would like to meet you. Ad# 2657

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CHUBBY CHASER
ISO WF, pale, full-figured, buxom, 35-55, by kind, understanding San Francisco-born HM, 49, 5'8", 175lbs., is into food, wine, art and antiques. Ad# 2715

AFFECTIONATE
Caring DPM, 5'8", 165lbs., with varied interests, ISO affectionate, loving lady, under 65, for LTR. Let's enjoy each other and the simple pleasures in life. Ad# 2723

LIFE BEFORE YOU
Was like a world without sun, for this fit, attractive, educated, family-oriented WPM, 44, likes travel, movies, theater. Seeking my source of warmth/light: compatible A/BF, 28-50. Ad# 2939

UNTIL WE MEET
My sweetest dreams will be of you! Fit, outgoing, motivated, warm, friendly WPM, 43, likes the outdoors, swimming, jogging, movies. IOS beautiful, honest, trustworthy, good-looking F. Ad# 2938

THE STORY OF US
Starts with a call to this ad, and ends in happily ever after, with this in-shape BCM, 50. ISO commitment-minded, loving, considerate CF, 31-48. Ad# 2934

THRILLS CHILLS
Excitement, adventure, romance... sound like the latest blockbuster? Well... live it for real with this honest, humorous WPM, 30. ISO adventurous, spirited, versatile WF, 22-35. Ad# 2937

YOUR SWEET CHOCOLATE
I'm an in-shape BM, 25, ISO a slender or thick, friendly, communicative WF, 21-45. Ad# 2933

IF I HAD A PENNY
For every time this easygoing, fun-loving WM, 42, who likes baseball, bicycling, swimming, thinks of you, I'd be a millionaire! ISO fun, compatible WF, 35-45. Ad# 2919

SEASONS IN THE SUN
Get ready for joy and fun with this in-shape BM, 38, liking sports, racing, outdoors, swimming. ISO voluptuous, full-figured, buxom, caring, affectionate, good-hearted F, 25-45. Ad# 2915

TIME TO SETTLE DOWN
SWM, 50, young at heart and mind, very active, looking for lady 45-55, with similar qualities. Must have great personality and smile. Ad# 2732

LET ME MAKE DINNER
WM, 49, is looking for a loyal, affectionate, honest, reasonably fit lady, 35-49, N/S, drug-free, race unimportant. Ad# 2198

COMMITMENT-MINDED
DWM, 56, 5'11", 175lbs., N/S, nice-looking, clean, considerate, secure, enjoys outdoors, sports, movies, dining out. ISO attractive SA/HF, N/S, 35-50, for LTR. Ad# 2671

LET'S MAKE SPARKS
Affectionate WWWPM, healthy, active, young 61, ISO sleek, classy SWF, companion, 45-60, to wine, dine and treat like a queen, smoker, social drinker okay, drug-free. Ad# 2673

ITALIAN-AMERICAN
SWPM, 35, attractive, fit, college grad, seeks attractive F, under 40, for relationship. Ad# 2683

IS IT YOU? OR NOT?
Upbeat, fun, caring SWM, 31, 6'3", 255lbs., enjoys racecars, fine dining, boating, karaoke, kneeboarding, music, movies. ISO outgoing, wild, stable, beautiful SF, 25-35. Ad# 2903

TIME AT THE OCEAN
Affectionate, creative, sensitive SWM, 46, 6'2", 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, enjoys gardening, antiquing, fine wines, car shows, ball games. ISO curvy, goal-oriented SWF, 30-40, 5'6"+. Ad# 2895

TELL ME ABOUT YOU
SWM, 47, 6', 200lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is honest, affectionate, a scientist, enjoys golfing, hiking, movies, playful, caring, intelligent. ISO SAF, 30-45. Ad# 2889

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN
SBM, 22, 5'8", who's honest, respectful, spontaneous, loves sports, music, beach walks. ISO intelligent SBF, 18-35. Ad# 2863

CUDDLE BY THE FIRE
SWM, 42, 5'8", 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, enjoys fishing, camping, movies. ISO humorous S/DWF, 35-45, with shared times. Ad# 2858

GIVE ME A CALL
Financially secured SWM, 39, 5'10", 195lbs., likes dining out, dancing, kids, traveling, camping. ISO sweet, petite, financially secure SWF, 25-37. Ad# 2846

PROMISES A CALL BACK
Sincere, loving, good-hearted SM, 43, brown-eyed, medium build, seeks a SF, 23-48, for dating, possibly more. Ad# 2845

ADVENTUROUS & LOYAL
Easygoing SWM, 51, 5'10", very fit, very good-looking, confident, playful, affectionate, compassionate, responsible, non-judgmental, kind, sincere, seeking communicative, curvaceous, soulmate. West Country, Elcerrito area. Ad# 2570

AS BEST AS WE CAN
Romantic, attractive, fit, youthful DWM, 50, loves hiking, picnics, exploring, sightseeing, dinners, conversations, dancing. ISO nice SF, 38-52. Ad# 2609

LOOKING 4 MRS. RIGHT
SWM, 28, seeks a sweet, sincere, nice-looking, SWF, 24-33, with an outgoing personality, sense of humor, for possible relationship, N/D, no drugs. Ad# 2620

TREAT ME RIGHT
Easygoing, honest, respectful SBM, 35, 6'3", 200lbs., likes sports, jazz and R&B music, movies. Would love to get to know an easygoing, respectful SF, 20-40. Ad# 2829

FRIENDS FIRST
Open-minded, Catholic SW father, 43, tall, attractive, blonde, blue-eyed, loves the outdoors. ISO a sweet SF, 25-45, to meet up with. Ad# 2825

MOUNTAIN/CITY MERGE
SWPCM, 38, 5'11", 164lbs., attractive, lean, athletic, loves all outdoor sports, cooking, arts, blues. ISO SWF, 25-40, smart, fit, attractive, compassionate, adventurous, a little silly. Ad# 2215

RISING SUN...
Begins each day anew and warms the heart for this easygoing, athletic DWM, 39, 6', 220lbs., brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys dancing, cooking, movies, walks. ISO friendship first, possible LTR with good-natured, understanding, romantic S/DAF, 35-45, N/S, N/D, no games. Ad# 6852

PASSIONATE ROMANTIC
Affectionate, healthy, active, retired, 61, American HM, light skin, hazel-eyed, 5'8", 165lbs., seeking healthy, SF, N/S, 50-63, who enjoys music, festivals, dancing, for romance, LTR. Ad# 2384

WARM BLUE EYES
Attractive SWM, 47, 5'9", 175lbs., homeowner, happy, successful person, loves outdoor activities. Seeking LTR with an attractive, reasonably fit lady, 30-46. Ad# 6833

WHAT DREAMS MAY COME
SWPM, 44, 5'11", fit, good-looking, sense of humor, enjoys movies, traveling, dining out, camping, fishing. ISO SF, 34-44, for possible LTR. Ad# 6840

ENJOY LIFE
DWM, green eyes, dark hair, 43, 190lbs., enjoys outdoors, cooking. Looking for SF, 40+, for friendship and possible LTR. Kids okay, race not important. Ad# 6851

RANCH PARTNER
Wanted by Afro-American SPM. Seeks financially secure ranch F partner, 25-55. Children welcome! Ad# 6853

[illegible]
Is: A pretty lady, [illegible] 5'11", 190lbs., who likes golfing, [illegible] dancing. Ad# 6855

Young, handsome, fit outgoing [illegible] Redwoods, music, biking [illegible] enjoy life's passions. [illegible]

6', 195lbs., big dark eyes, [illegible] honest, humorous with right person [illegible] sexy, athletic woman. Ad# 2571

Active, fit, educated, good-looking [illegible] N/S, sincere, sense of humor [illegible] DWF, 50-60, attractive, slim, active. [illegible]

Handsome SWM, 40, 5'9", [illegible] and getaways. ISO friendship, [illegible]

DWM, 44, 5'9", handsome, fit, [illegible] camping, travel, friends, [illegible] 35-48, to share life, love. [illegible]

SBM, 38, 5'10", 200lbs., fit, [illegible] football, outdoors, fun. Seeking [illegible] possible LTR. Ad# 2820

Sociable SWM, 36, 6', 165lbs., [illegible] the beach, golf, tennis. [illegible] important. Ad# 2814

SB dad, 49, seeking SF, 25-48, [illegible] committed relationship. [illegible]

Good-looking SWM, young 40, 5'9", [illegible] weekend getaways, outdoors, [illegible] family-oriented, for a commitment. [illegible]

Friendly, amusing, caring HM, 33, [illegible] playing pool, movies, dinners. ISO [illegible]

SWM, 27, 5'9", 140lbs., [illegible] photography, hiking, camping, [illegible] fun and friendship. Ad# 2801

SWM, 43, 5'8", 145lbs., [illegible] conversations, coffee. Interested [illegible] interests, who's happy and secure. [illegible]

Exciting, bubbly WM, 28, [illegible] more. Seeking active, outgoing SF, [illegible] Ad# 2784

SWM, 50, enjoys skiing, dinners, [illegible] responsible SWF, 32-45, [illegible] marriage. Ad# 2561

ISO WF, pale, full-figured, buxom, 35-55, [illegible] Francisco-born HM, 49, 5'8", 175lbs., [illegible] Ad# 2594

Looking for honest, financially secure [illegible] romance, adventure. You: SF, [illegible] to share life's adventures, possible LTR. [illegible]

Athletic, slender, handsome, financially [illegible] tive, intelligent 30-40, N/S, [illegible] Ad# 2600

42 year old M, is looking for [illegible] someone to enjoy the outdoors, [illegible]

SM, mixed race, 51, healthy, fun-loving, [illegible] social activities, age/race unimportant. [illegible]

Blonds. Independent, secure SWM, 52, 5'7", [illegible] shows, walks, working out, dancing, [illegible] 54. Pleasanton. Ad# 2546

Athletically-built SM, 47, 5'7", [illegible] conversations, music, dining. Seeking [illegible] who's worthy of my time. Ad# 2443

SHM, 24, 5'9", 165lbs., [illegible] working out. ISO a SF, attractive, [illegible]

Fun SWM, 21, 5'11", 150lbs., [illegible] terested in meeting a SF, 18-30 [illegible] Ad# 2532

Amusing, handsome, sweet WM, 31, [illegible] sports, travel, nature walks, shopping, [illegible] ing. Looking for WF, 29-40, same interests. [illegible]

Friendly SWM, 43, 6'2", 250lbs., [illegible] snow/water skiing, dining out, [illegible] ing, same interests. Ad# 2531

SHM, 24, 5'9", 175lbs., fun, mature, [illegible] standing, likes music, fun. Looking for a [illegible] 2524

DWPM, 5'8", 160lbs., very attractive, [illegible] financially/emotionally secure, [illegible] quiet times, travel. ISO attractive [illegible]

Humorous, very outgoing SWM, 38, [illegible] dancing. Seeks SF, 20-45. Please call, [illegible] connection. Ad# 2348

DWM, 58, nice-looking, brown-haired, [illegible] homeowner, financially secure, [illegible]

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HEALTH CONSCIOUS
...175lbs., brown hair/eyes, has various in... physically fit, full-figured, independent SF, 30-

HONEST MAN
...blue-eyed blond, ISO D/SWF, 5'6"+, 26-40, N/... who wants a man, but does not need a

ROMANTIC AT HEART
...travel, candlelight nights, music, the outdoors, ...adventurous SF, 35-45, kids okay. Ad# 2357

LOOKING FOR LOVE
...attractive, down-to-earth, honest, N/S, likes ...Seeking SWF, 25-31, attractive, out- ...friendship first, possible LTR. Ad# 2361

THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE
...long walks, dining, sports activities. Looking ...for friendship. Ad# 2559

SOMETHING IN COMMON?
...ISO F, 35-55, N/S, drug-free, animal lover, ...games, barbecues, walks, movies, etc., for ...Ad# 2284

GET TO KNOW ME
...You're fit, attractive, intelligent, rich. Let's find out. Ad# 2287

I'M DREAMING
...this and beginning something wonder- ...220lbs., who likes golf, movies, and quiet

STOP HERE!
...fit, active, honest, sexy, and ISO SWM, ...honest, sexy, who loves fun and quiet times.

SEEKING ASIAN FEMALE
...honest, sincere, enjoys dining, outdoors, ...AF, 45-60, for companionship or possible

LET'S BE FRIENDS
...movies, tennis, dinner, short trips. ISO SF, ...friendship. Ad# 2316

PROFESSIONAL
...seeks affluent P woman, kind, gentle, model- ...35, to share fun and good-loving times, no

STABLE RELATIONSHIP
...need riding partner. Self-employed ...SWF, 30-40s, for trail riding and other

MEETING YOU
...at heart, humorous, tall, intelligent WWWM, ...active. Ad# 2326

KEEP SEARCHING
...likes nature, faithful, caring. Seeking ...under 40, with no children, N/S, N/D, not

POSITIVE NEWAGE GUY
...affectionate, financially stable SWPM, 41, ...sushi, movies, music, healthy living. ISO ...Ad# 1933

VERY INTUITIVE
...slim DWM, 54, engaging conversationalist, ...sense of humor, ISO lady with similar at- ...complete adoration. Ad# 2231

SUMMER LOVE
...handsome, good sense of humor, enjoys ...motorcycles. ISO SF, cutie, 30-40, sense of ...Ad# 2237

A LOVER OF LOVE
...affinity, who knows how to love, bond ...successful, skinny, hoping for skinnyish, ...Ad# 2238

CLEAN-CUT GUY
...175lbs., enjoys cooking, golf and travel. ISO ...and caring. Ad# 2243

CLUB MED G.O. TYPE
...knows resort and tourist industry, needed ...N/S, 35-45, 5'5"-6'. Ad# 2246

...TEDDY BEAR
...55, 6', N/S, ISO equally romantic, college ...LTR. Must love theatre, the miracle of ...Ad# 2249

...EST TRANSPLANT
...honest, caring, secure, affectionate, ...sports, dancing. ISO tall, fit SWF, 35-45, for

WANTS CHILD
...likes movies, art, plays, travel, exercise. ...over 40, passionate, sensitive, N/S, drug-free.

TRAIL GUIDE WANTED
...gray hair, blue eyes, has desire to take ...lady to show him the trails. Ad# 2259

EASYGOING
...6', 180lbs., enjoys sports, dancing and ...24-38, who wants to have fun. Ad# 2261

NO MORE GAMES
...5'9", 185lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys ...a caring, honest, fun-loving SF, 39-47, for

...BACK AND RELAX
...movies, dining out, dancing, music, going to ...Seeking a laid-back SWF, 32-45. Ad# 2496

OUTDOORSY GUY
...working out, outdoor activities. Searching for ...Ad# 2481

FRIENDSHIP AND MORE
...SWM, 44, enjoys outdoors, cooking, trav- ...a spontaneous SAF, 30-42, for LTR. Ad#

FAITH IN THE LORD
...getaways, dining out, movies, quiet ...caring. Seeking SBF, 37-54. Ad#

HONEST DAD
Honest SWM, 38, has two children, enjoys spending time with his boys, outdoors, going to the beach. Seeking for honest, caring SWF, 28-42. Ad# 2406

ALWAYS
A friend first to SWF, 28-42, N/S, trim, for attainable happiness with successful SWM, 38, 5'9", almost blond, reasonably fit, blue-eyed romantic. Ad# 1661

2 TO LOVE AGAIN...
If you want to feel special by this young 55 year-old WPM, who's adventurous, positive, funny, spiritual, with class. Please be attractive, slim and smart. Ad# 1931

NOT BORING NOT MACHO
SWM, 50, 5'11", 210lbs., fun, no games or baggage, successful, committed, sharing, has a Harley. ISO slender, great kisser, for LTR, kids okay. Ad# 6756

ADVENTURE AHEAD
5'9", fit, financially secure dad, kids finally grown, so time to bike, hike, travel, enjoy you. ISO SWF, 40s, trim, N/S. Ad# 2184

ISO FULL-FIGURED
Passionate, charming SWPM, 35, 6'1", dark features, seeks warm, fun-loving SF, to share outdoor adventures, candlelight dinners, movies, romance and possible LTR. Ad# 2193

LOVE BITES
SM, 33, 5'8", cute, long dark hair, honest, loves reading, music, movies. Seeks pretty, petite SF, 21-31. Ad# 2211

BEING WHAT U ARE!
Outgoing, friendly SWM, 51, 5'8", athletic build, blue-eyed, enjoys biking, walking, hiking, tennis, outdoor activities, yoga. ISO physically fit SWF, 42-50. Ad# 2437

CAPTURE MY HEART
Passionate SWM, 36, enjoys swimming, dining out, driving to the coast, watching the sunsets, going to the beach. Looking for romantic SWF, 25-40, for LTR. Ad# 2441

FRIENDSHIP AND MORE
Open-minded SWM, 46, 6'8", 250lbs., blond hair, hazel eyes, clean-cut, has two daughters, enjoys sports. Seeking physically fit, sports-minded, tall SWF, 35-45, for LTR. Ad# 2426

READ ME!
Outgoing SWM, 36, 5'10", blond-haired, blue-eyed, 200lbs., enjoys camping, outdoor activities, hanging out with friends, reading, sports. ISO open-minded, honest, intelligent SWF, 30-40, for LTR. Ad# 2404

FRIENDSHIP AND MORE
Goal-oriented, humorous SWM, 23, 5'9", 195lbs., medium-built, enjoys sky diving, traveling, dining, relaxing at home, going to the beach. ISO honest, sincere, trustworthy SF, 18-45. Ad# 2416

A SPECIAL SHY GUY
SWM, 23, enjoys outdoor/indoor activities, sports, dining out, movies. Looking to meet an honest, romantic SF, 18-30, for LTR. Ad# 2410

DANCE OVER HERE
SWM, 36, 6', 210lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, sports, dancing. Looking for a nice, sincere SF, 32-50. Ad# 2411

VERY TRIM
Petite A lady, wanted by SWM, very trim, 6'2", 60, secure gentleman, N/S, keeping fit, enjoying dining, theatre, travel, quiet evenings with someone special, much more. Ad# 2216

ROMANTIC W/HERPES
Alluring, good-looking, athletic, warm, charismatic, masculine spirit, 41, 5'11", 165lbs., professionally successful, upbeat, artistic, charming, ready for special relationship, love and play. Ad# 2225

ISO CUDDLER
SWPM, 6", blue eyes, 180lbs., late 40s, varied interests, physically fit, financially secure, ISO down-to-earth lady. Honesty and trust are a must. Ad# 2143

HAPPY FUN AND FIT
SWPM, 5'8", brown hair, blue-eyed, 50 looks 45, handsome, humorous, spontaneous, likes indoor and outdoors. ISO financially secure women, dark hair/eyes, N/S, no dependents, LTR. Ad# 6750

CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA
WM, 27, 5'9", artist, interested in literature, museums, leisure activities. ISO WF, N/S, 24-29, for companionship. Ad# 6752

TANNED & TATTOOED
Seeking LTR with open-minded woman, 30-45, N/S, varied interests. I'm 5'9", with blond hair, blue eyes, considered a surfer in a suit. Ad# 2142

GREETINGS
SM, 53, ISO my Morgan Le Fay, spirituality and honesty, a must, eyes that talk, body fit to medium. Ad# 2146

AS GOOD AS IT GETS
Handsome, intelligent SWM, 31, 6'1", 195lbs., looking for a buxom, full-figured SWF, 18-40, who wants a friendship, possible more. Ad# 2154

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME
Honest, sincere and passionate SM, 46, looking for a genuine SF, 29-55, to spend the rest of my life with. Ad# 2163

FALLING IN LOVE
27 year-old SBM, 6'2", 180lbs., likes movies, dancing, clubbing, long conversations and having fun. Interested in meeting a SBF, 25-40, with similar interests. Ad# 2378

DON'T PASS ME BY
Easygoing SBM, 41, 6', bald, likes softball, weight lifting, theatre. Seeking a funny SBF, 30-50, who wants a friendship, with possibilities of more. Ad# 2374

GREEN LIGHT....
To make your move! Fun-loving, passionate SWM, 39, 6'1", brown hair/eyes, enjoys music, movies, sports, dining out, travel. Seeks a SF, 18-46, with similar interests. Ad# 2375

THE BEST BASIS
Friendly, outgoing, humorous SWPM, 47, 5'11", 225lbs., red hair, brown eyes, enjoys politics, stock market, new people, movies, ISO moral SWPF, 30-50. Ad# 2185

GET TO KNOW ME
Intelligent SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs., enjoys ball games, working out, the beach, long walks, day trips, ISO slender SF, 35-45. Ad# 2126

BLUE JEANS/T-SHIRT
N/D DWM, 6'2", 200lbs., brown hair, steel blue eyes, mustache, custody of two girls, 10 & 12, honest, easygoing, affectionate, caring, likes camping, outdoors, animals, rockin' country music, holding hands and snuggling on the couch. ISO attractive, sexy S/DWF, 30-40, blue jeans and T-shirt lady, kids okay, emotionally secure, spontaneous, animal lover, with sense of humor. Honesty a must, no games, for LTR and forever. Ad# 1306

SEEKS BLITHE SPIRIT
SWPM, 65+, 6', 200lbs, fit, ISO loving, C lady, 62+, trim, attractive, romantic, enjoying good music, movies, walks, theatre, dining out, possible LTR, N/S, drug-free. Ad# 1599

YOUNG MEXICAN
Bald head, brown eyes, 5'6", 180lbs., loves to go partying. Looking for attractive F, 18-40. Ad# 1605

LOOK ME OVER!
Honest, caring, good-natured WM, youthful, retiree, 6', seeks affectionate, attractive, sincere WWF, 56-64, N/S, for companionship, travel, movies, romance, and LTR. Ad# 1583

POSITIVE & HUMOROUS
WM, Fremont, real estate investor, young 40ish, fit, understanding, considerate, light drinker, child-free, seeking fit, intelligent, classy, independent friend. Ad# 1646

DO I INTEREST YOU?
Friendly, warm-hearted SWM, 34, likes sports, cuddling, and drives. ISO SWF, 28-38, for companionship. Ad# 2136

FIND OUT TODAY
SBM, 27, loves parties and spending time with friends. Would like to meet a SBF, 18-40. Ad# 2132

IS IT YOU?
Are you a SF, 40-60, who likes movies, cookouts and quiet times? Contact this SWM, 51, for companionship. Ad# 2123

ONE OF A KIND
Outgoing, athletic SBM, 42, 6'1", 178lbs., loves basketball, tennis swimming, jazz and theater. Seeking a SF, 30-52. Ad# 2119

HONESTY'S THE KEY
Open-minded, down-to-earth SWM, 40, 5'10", 180lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys sports, concerts and nature. Hope to meet a similar SF, 32-47. Ad# 2110

LOOKING FOR MS RIGHT
DWM, enjoys football, concerts, having fun. ISO SWF, 25-32. Let's have a drink. Ad# 6744

ISO COMMITTED LTR
WWW dad, 47, 6'1", 240lbs., with sense of humor, likes movies, plays, barbecues, videos, snuggling, Disneyland, cultural events. ISO intelligent, affectionate, romantic SWF, 35-45. Ad# 1574

JUST NEW TO THE AREA
Energetic SBM, 35, loves sports. ISO a SHF, 24-45, N/S, pretty, petite, serious, who's also looking for friends and more. When can we meet? Ad# 1576

MEDITERREAN
Sensitive, passionate, charming SWPM, 35, 6'1", dark features, ISO warm, fun-loving SF, to share outdoor adventures, candlelight dinners, movies and romance. Ad# 1586

FUN IN THE SUN
WM, 50, no kids, is looking for an outdoorsy AF, 40-55, who likes camping, barbecues, and more. Ad# 2103

A PERFECT MATCH
Outgoing, friendly, intelligent BM, 35, 6'2", 200lbs., N/D, likes sports, smooth jazz, concerts. Seeks an easygoing, intelligent, goal-oriented BF, 35-43. Ad# 2096

COOL GUY
College educated, well-mannered DWM, 43, 6'2", smart, slim, funny musician, seeks a WF, 30-45, height/weight proportionate, to join me for fun activities. Ad# 2100

ROMANTIC HERO
Funny, romantic SHM, 23, 6', 198lbs., enjoys dancing, movies, art, music, outdoors. ISO SF, 20-35, outgoing, interesting, romantic, loving to laugh. Ad# 2036

Men seeking men

ADVENTURES
Attractive, fit, fun, clean-cut Bi-WM, 35, brown hair, blue eyes, 5'9", 160lbs., is looking for cute, fit, young-looking WM, for fun and adventure. Ad# 3232

PRINCE FOR A KING
WM, 45, seeks a young prince, black or white, 18-30, for special connection. Ad# 2975

FRIENDS FIRST
GWM, 18, 6', 190lbs., is looking for a GWM, 18-23, that wants to start a friendship and possibly more. Give me a call. Ad# 3189

FRIENDLY GUY
Blue-eyed blond, hardworking, healthy SWM, 37, seeks SM, 20-45, for fun and friendship. Interests include biking, outdoors, movies, dining out, walking. Take a chance! Ad# 2960

DAY BY DAY
SB/NAM, 25, 6'2", 240lbs., ruggedly handsome, outgoing, creative, like festivals, films, walking, hiking, fishing, art museums. Seeking M, 20-40, friendly, hardworking, similar interests, for casual times. Ad# 2704

CHECK MY AD OUT
Spontaneous, outgoing GWM, 22, 5'7", 160lbs., with brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, clubbing. ISO fun-loving, caring GWM, 30-45, to share time with. Ad# 2893

LET'S TALK
Fun GWM, 19, 5'5", 143lbs., likes bowling, singing, acting, dancing, playing piano. ISO GM, 19-50. Concord area. Ad# 2783

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G/Bi-M, seeks other masculine, yet gentle muscle man-type, 25-45, to hug, explore, cry with, no strings just cornball love. Ad# 2661

BI-MALE
Bi-M, 6', blond, blue eyes, slender, seeks M, 18-40, slender, in Benecia/San Ramon area. Discretion. Ad# 2608

COMMITMENT-MINDED
Lovable, caring, honest GWM, 50, 5'9", salt-n-pepper hair, brown-eyed, enjoys quiet evenings at home, photography. Looking for honest, loving, caring, sincere GWM, 21-35, for LTR. Ad# 2833

YOUR IDEAL MAN
Clean, discreet, easygoing BM, 50, 6'2", 180lbs., HIV-, enjoys conversation, candlelight, cuddling. Seeking a M friend for enjoyment and more. Ad# 2809

IS THIS AD FOR YOU?
GWM, 52, 5'8", 173lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, ISO first or coming out GM, 18-35, for quiet times, companionship and travel. Serious only. Ad# 2595

DRESS UP
WM, 40, brown hair, green eyes, 185lbs., straight-acting, is seeking a WM, 22-35, for a discreet relationship. Ad# 2465

GET TO KNOW ME
Fit, attractive WM, 35, is seeking a WM, 18-35, fit and attractive, for dating. You won't be disappointed! Ad# 2518

WORTH A CHANCE
Compassionate SWM, 38, 5'5", black hair, brown eyes, enjoys movies, dining out and quiet times. Dreams of meeting a GWM, 27-45, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 2448

Women seeking women

HAPPY AND FUN-LOVING
BF, 40, 5'7", 140lbs., energetic, outgoing, enjoys bike riding, pool, etc. ISO BF, 30-45, N/S, N/D, no drugs, with similar qualities. Ad# 3210

GET SPOILED!
Beautiful, shapely, petite Bi-curious WPF, seeks similar pretty F, 25-40, companion to spoil. Let's enjoy crazy capers together. Ad# 2968

INTERESTED? CALL
SWF, 27, 5'3", dark hair, blue eyes, medium build, very casual, likes movies, dining and bicycling. Seeking a SWF, 23-45. Ad# 2850

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Discover the power of womanhood with this sweet, honest, feminine, cool, earthy BF, 24. Hoping to form a mature, healthy friendship with responsible F, 22-35. Ad# 2920

LET'S TALK
Bi-curious SWF, 31, is seeking a SHF, 31-35. I'm looking for new adventures. Ad# 2614

HONESTY IS BEST
Upfront, cute GWF, 26, N/S, 5'6", 160lbs., who's a college student, likes art/crafts, yoga, reading, club/ballroom dancing, long walks, talks. ISO independent, down-to-earth GF, 24-30. Ad# 2832

ARE YOU FOR ME?
Friendly WF, 23, 155lbs., strawberry-blonde, hazel eyes, likes laughter, hanging out, the beach, computers. Seeking WF, 23-26, who's understanding, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 2805

JUST KIND OF BORED
WF, 30, 5'5", 150lbs., likes fun, conversations, walks, skating, biking, tennis. Seeking WF, 30-33, for conversations and companionship, kids okay. Ad# 2522

WANNA MEET?
SWF, mother of four, 5'5", 160lbs., enjoys shopping, biking, laughter, and conversation. Looking to meet a SWF, 30-33, for friendship, fun. Ad# 2552

I AM READY
Bi-BF, early 40s, to be a friend, talk, go on drives, for movies, dinners, walks, shopping. Not bad to look at, let's talk about it. Ad# 2247

GET MOVING
SWF, 38, 5'7", 120lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys working out, movies, dining out, running, outdoors. Seeking a fun-loving SWF, 30-45. Ad# 2471

LET'S PARTY
Outgoing, fun-loving, employed SHF, 18, 5'5", 130lbs., enjoys sports, partying, movies, ISO humorous SHF, 18-22. Ad# 2137

SUMMER FUN
Bi-curious SWF, 30, N/S, hazel-eyed brunette, likes hiking, gym, movies and long talks. ISO a new friend, fun and ? Ad# 1641

WHAT A GAL!
Upbeat SWF, 36, strawberry-blonde hair, likes working out, flea markets and video games. Desires a SF, 27-43. Ad# 2000

FUN IN THE SUN
Bi-curious WPF, fit, trim, pretty, brown-eyed brunette, open-minded, enjoys boating, dancing, all indoor/outdoor activities. Looking for same, 30-45. Ad# 1499

Fifty plus

TIRED OF GAMES
SWM, 6'1", 180lbs., is looking for sincere, older woman, 60-75, race unimportant, fun-loving, outgoing, active, for possible LTR. Ad# 3225

PASSIONATE REDHEAD
DWF, N/S, 5'2", 110lbs., green eyes, ISO a tall, attractive, energetic, N/S DWM, 54-65, who loves golf. Ad# 3016

NEVER MIND THE GRAY
Somewhat extroverted, communicative, astute WM, 64, likes golf, reading, still has lots of life, laughter, love left in me! ISO communicative, warm, compatible WF, 56-65. Ad# 2922

LET'S BE FRIENDS
Fun-loving, late 60s SWF, N/S, enjoys dining out, movies, camping, fishing, quiet evenings. ISO sincere, attentive SWM, 60s-70s, pleasant personality, secure fun gentleman. Ad# 2977

R U LOVING & LOVABLE
So am I. Attractive WWWCF, ISO caring, sincere SWCM, 60-75, for friendship, possible LTR. Enjoys pets, music, movies, cooking and dining out. Ad# 2978

A MEETING OF CHANCE
Offers endless possibilities. WWWM, 50s, 6'1", ISO emotionally available, affectionate SWF, mid-40s to mid-50s, for friendship, dating, LTR. Let's meet for coffee or lunch. Ad# 2980

AFFECTIONATE
Caring DPM, 5'8", 165lbs., with varied interests, ISO affectionate, loving lady, under 65, for LTR. Let's enjoy each other and the simple pleasures in life. Ad# 2723

LOVES ADVENTURE
Green-eyed blonde, petite, educated SWF, loves outdoors, sports, life and laughing. Looking for same in SWM, 50-58, 5'10"+. Ad# 2764

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINA
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ASIAN LADY...
This very trim, secure SWM, 60, 6'2", N/S, N/D, would like to meet you. Enjoys keeping fit, travel, quiet evenings and more. Ad# 2665

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MIDDLE EASTERN
Attractive, affectionate PF, 59, tall, 5'5", 140lbs., is seeking an ed... cated man, tall, N/S, kind, 62-68, financially secure, for friendship. Ad# 2674

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SWPFs, 50-58, attractive, ISO three handsome SWPMs, 50-60, f... concerts, car shows, dining, movies, day trips. Friendship possible LT... WC to Martinez area. Serious replies only. Ad# 2636

THERE'S MORE TO THIS
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Activity partners

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MILLENNIUM MAN
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Fit SWM, 40, N/S, seeks an attractive SF, who enjoys travel, sports a... fine dining. Ad# 2983

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SWM, 46, 5'9", attractive, physically/spiritually fit, part-time dad, lov... to laugh, but loves to cuddle more. Will you be my princess? Ad# 300...

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Golf partners

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TAKE THE TIME
SWPF, 48, 5'6", 125lbs., likes golf, fine dining, romance and fun. Loo... ing for WPM, 58-68, who is ready to live life to the fullest. Ad# 10...

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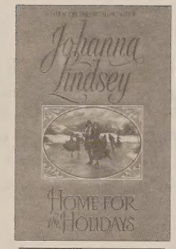
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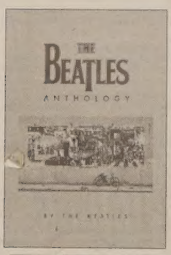


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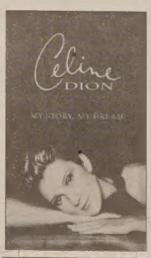


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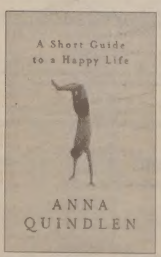
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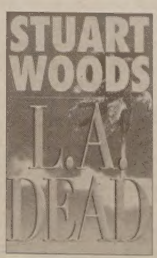
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